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Red & black to green & gold



Time to move on ...

AFTER 28 YEARS, TransDale will no longer appear in its present form. Already, with this issue, administration of the magazine has passed from the TransDale Parents' Association to the Johannesburg branch of the Old Dalian Union.

Faced with dwindling resources, the former Transvaal parent body that founded TransDale as a newsletter in 1975 could no longer afford to sustain it.

Now the time has come for the magazine (to use contemporary jargon) to "move on" - to a less costly and possibly more frequent electronic form of communication and entertainment.

It is also time for TransDale's "getting older" editor to move on to other pursuits as time marches on. These will include assisting the Old Dalian Union, Dale parents and the school in different ways.

It's been a challenge, a wonderful way of keeping in touch with Dale and Old Dalians, with headmasters and staff and with Dalians and their parents.

It's been stimulating. But above all, it's been great fun. We hope you've enjoyed it, too. Thank you, Friends of Dale, for your moral and financial support.

Yours in Dale - **JOE SUTTON, EDITOR**

TIME TO MOVE ON ...

WALTON'S PRINTERS and Stationers, a family firm that has printed TransDale for ten years, shut down last December after 100 years in business in Johannesburg.

For the Walton cousins, Owen and David, it was an end of an era. This was begun by their grandfather, Frank Walton, followed by their fathers, Harold and Cecil, and eventually themselves, from their historic building in Jules Street.

We have enjoyed a close association with Walton's since they first printed TransDale in 1992 and the centenary edition of The Heron, the Old Dalian publication, in 1993. Their standards have been consistently high.

Owen Walton has retired, but David is still in the printing business as a broker. Through his good offices the last issue of TransDale in its present form has been printed by Anglo-Swiss Print, Germiston.

Thank you, David and Owen, for your professional service and kindness over the years. Go well!

We would also like to thank The Newspaper Printing Company, Commercial Division, Johannesburg, which has handled the origination of pages in TransDale since the late 1980s. Their kind consideration and highly professional work is greatly appreciated. Thank you Mark Conroy, Karl Paulokat and your staff.

- **JOE SUTTON**

COVER PICTURES

TEN IN A TEST: Old Dalian Makhaya Ntini, South African fast bowler, kisses the turf at Lord's cricket ground, London, after taking his tenth wicket in the second Test against England this year.

• **Picture: AP, with assistance from the Daily Dispatch**

RED & BLACK TO GREEN & GOLD: SA's two Old Dalian fast bowlers, Makhaya Ntini and Monde Zondeki, during their England tour.

• **Picture: ROB HENSEN**

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GET WELL SOON, JOHN! Old Dalian John Gouverneur, recovering from leg surgery, with guests while hosting his traditional lunch after the 2003 Reunion.

• **Picture: JAMES HAUPT**

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LATEST: JAMES HAUPT MOVES ON

Mr JAMES HAUPT has resigned as Headmaster of Dale College to become Headmaster of ISSA (the International School of South Africa), a private school in Mafikeng, North-West Province. This announcement was made as TransDale was about to go to press.

Mr Haupt told TransDale he had been exploring a possible move to the private sector for some time. His decision, he said, was not as a result of the recent dispute in the Governing Body. Headmaster since 1997, he will leave Dale in December and take up his new post in January.

• For Mr Haupt's farewell message to the Dale Family see a leaflet inserted in this issue.

THE DALE COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY

THE Governing Body elected in August has been disbanded following a dispute over the election of its executive committee. Another election will be held later. An interim body has been appointed by the Eastern Cape Education Department.

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Old Dalian Proteas bloom – but it's no go for Bobo

WHAT a year it's been for Old Dalian cricketers Makhaya Ntini and Monde Zondeki and rugby player Gcobani Bobo! A year of highs and lows, of international success and bitter disappointment.

A cricket dream came true for Dale College when the two fast bowlers took the field together for South Africa in the World Cup. Makhaya Ntini had emerged as a key strike bowler in the SA attack and his Border team-mate, Monde Zondeki, as a potential star of the future.

And on the rugby field Gcobani Bobo, who learnt the game during several years at Dale, became the first Rastafarian Springbok in this year's Tri-nations tournament and was later selected for SA's World Cup squad.

But for both Zondeki and Bobo came shattering blows. Zondeki, after excelling surprisingly as a No 8 batsman in his debut Test, was injured while bowling and had to leave the field. Then Bobo saw his dreams crash when he was injured and ruled out of the World Cup.

All three players had already overcome serious setbacks on and off the field in their sporting careers. Zondeki was injured – first in a World Cup game and then in a car accident and Bobo in a rugby match last year. Ntini had bounced back in 2000 after surviving a controversial legal ordeal.

Here, on these pages, are their stories of success and setbacks:

WHEN MAKHAYA NTINI was plucked from a rural village near King William's Town and sent to Dale few thought that five years later he would be playing cricket for South Africa – and driving a Mercedes. He was the first African player to represent his country at cricket. Since then, with newfound pace, he has grown in stature and developed into a potential successor to the great Allan Donald.

Highlights in his international career have included being the leading wicket-taker in the 2000-2001 Test series against New Zealand and Man of the Series against Pakistan in 2002.

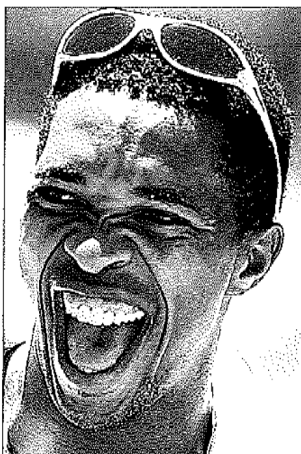
But his supreme achievement came in the Second Test against England this year when he became the first South African to take ten wickets at Lord's in London. His name is on the board in the home of cricket. In a memorable moment, captured on TV screens and in newspapers around the world, he kissed the hallowed Lord's turf.

In the later Tests Ntini proved expensive but in the Fourth Test at Headingley he emulated his Old Dalian colleague in a fighting last wicket partnership with Gary Kirsten.

In the Fifth Test (which SA lost at the Oval) he hit a low point when he was carted for two successive sixes by the high-scoring Andrew Flintoff and captured one solitary second-innings wicket for 129 runs. Nevertheless he finished the tour with the most Test wickets in either SA or England side and achieved further success on the recent Pakistan tour, taking 12 wickets in the five one-day internationals.

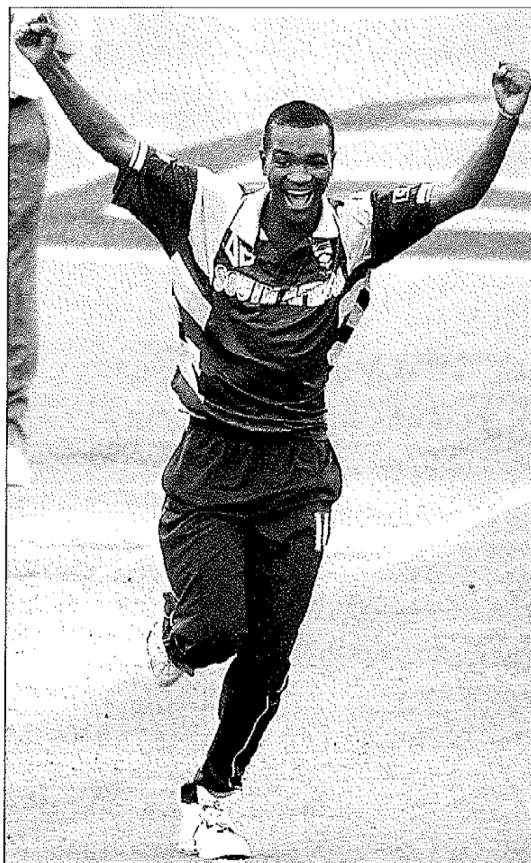
- When he came to Dale in 1993 Makhaya could hardly speak English. Now he is confident yet diplomatic in radio and television interviews. He is one of only five SA players ranked in the A plus category of nationally contracted cricketers.

- Makhaya has become a role model in schools among the black community. When he was interviewed on 702 talk radio in September a Gauteng headmaster phoned in to say his cricket team was called the "Makhaya Ntini Strikers" and invited him to visit the school.



CELEBRATION 1: Makhaya Ntini after being chosen as Man of the Match after a Test against Pakistan at Newlands • Picture: AP, with assistance from The Star

CELEBRATION 2: Monde Zondeki after taking a wicket with his first ball in international cricket in Bloemfontein. And he did it again this year. • Picture: AP, with assistance from the Saturday Star



MARVELLOUS MONDE, THE FIRST-BALL WICKET-TAKER

THEY call him "All Hands" ("All hands on deck").

Monde Zondeki came to Dale in Std 1 after spending two years in exile in Zambia with his uncle Steve Tshwete, who later became a Cabinet Minister.

In his final year he was not only playing first team cricket but centre for the First XV. Advised by Tshwete he decided to concentrate on cricket and joined the Border Bears. (That didn't stop him and fellow fast bowler Makhaya Ntini playing in the Sevens rugby tournament at the 2002 Dale Reunion.)

After an impressive performance for South Africa A last year, Monde made his international debut in a limited-overs match in Bloemfontein and dismissed Sri Lankan Marvin Atapattu with his first ball.

Chosen to represent SA in the World Cup, he took the field on February 27 with Makhaya Ntini against Canada – appropriately on their home ground in East London. It was their first international appearance together.

In the first dismissal of the Canadian innings, Mondeki held a catch off Makhaya's bowling. Brought on to bowl later he once again claimed a wicket with his first ball.

But four days later, in a World Cup match against Sri Lanka in Durban, he left the field with a leg injury after bowling only six overs for 35 runs.

Soon after the World Cup he fractured his shoulder in a car accident which put him out of cricket for four months (see story on Page 2).

Monde recovered remarkably to join the SA squad for the Test series against England. At 21, he was the youngest in the side. Rated a faster bowler than Ntini, he impressed in warm-up matches and was chosen for the Fourth Test at Leeds.

There he surprised all with a defiant half century in a record eight-wicket partnership with Gary Kirsten to save SA from a first-innings collapse.

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GCOBANI BOBO ... "Things happen for a reason" • Picture: GAVIN STAPLETON, The Citizen

THAT'S LIFE, SAYS SHATTERED BOBO

A cool goodbye to his World Cup dream

OLD DALIAN Springbok centre Gcobani Bobo was clearly stunned, but remarkably restrained about the knee injury which knocked him out of the World Cup. "I'm not too well," he said.

"It's the second time this has happened and while you can tell yourself that everything happens for a reason, sometimes you have to wonder," he told The Star's rugby writer Kevin McCallum. But he added: "This is the path I have chosen in my life and you never know when things are going to go wrong. It could have happened no matter what."

For the second time in 19 months he had torn an anterior cruciate ligament – this time in a Bok "warm-up" match against the Free State Cheetahs weeks before jetting off to Australia.

The first time (in March 2002) it was the right knee; now it was the left.

Bobo was even more philosophical when speaking to journalists in Durban. "Funnily though, I'm cool with this," he said.

"You have to have a fatalistic approach to life. Life is a journey. This is my journey, nobody else's. I have to take life as it comes and deal with it. I was very excited about the World Cup but it is not meant to be. That is life."

Instead of possible World Cup glory, the 24-year-old twinkled-toed centre had to settle for a slot as a studio guest commentator on Supersport TV, followed by flying to Perth to watch the big game against England.

With him, ironically, was Jean de Villiers, the Western Province centre who replaced him –

QUOTES

• Gcobani was so enthusiastic about the trip ... the rest of the world would have seen an explosion from Bobs at the World Cup. He is such an exciting player.

– Springbok manager GIDEON SAM. The squad was devastated by the news that Bobo was out.

• Bobo is a believer in destiny. In a sport that on the one hand encourages sameness yet craves individual genius, he is his own man. – KEVIN MCCALLUM, SAB Sportswriter of the Year

only to suffer the same fate: Ruled out by injury.

Bobo began as a prop forward at Dale, switched to flank in the Under 15s and was rated "the find of the season" in the first team a year later. Still only 16, he was chosen as vice-captain of the Border Schools B team and played for the A side in the 1996 Craven Week.

After moving to Rondebosch High he played for Western Province in the 1997 Craven Week and captained SA Schools. Differences later arose with Province over his religion and lifestyle and he was thrown a lifeline by the Golden Lions. There the dreadlocked Bobo came back as an elusive, side-stepping centre.

But, after a brilliant start in 2002, he tore knee ligaments in a Super 12 game for the Cats in New Zealand (on Dunedin's "House of Pain") and was out for the rest of the season. "Things happen for a reason," he told Kevin McCallum then.

Back this year after corrective surgery and months of rehabilitation, he rejoined the Cats for the Super 12 and showed glimpses of his old brilliance and won his first Bok cap against Scotland.

Bobo feels that the injury is not as bad as his right knee was last year. He can walk and has better stability and says he feels quite strong.

Now it's back to the rehab. drawing board for Bobo, the first Rastafarian Springbok who was "raring to go go" as headlined in last year's TransDale. It was not to be, but we wish him well. Things happen for a reason.

The crash: I was lucky, says Monde

• Writing for TransDale, GISHMA ABRAHAMAS tells of Monde Zondeki's remarkable recovery after he injured his shoulder in a car accident in March.

MONDE ZONDEKI was travelling from East London to King William's Town when the driver lost control and hit a wall.

The fracture in his left clavicle kept him inactive for at least ten weeks and he could not play cricket for four months.

Determine to return to his career Monde vigorously built up strength. Once the fracture healed he received intensive physiotherapy and rehabilitation from Border physiotherapist Greg King.

TransDale caught up with Monde while the South African team was touring England: "I was lucky in a way as this type of injury can threaten a career," said Monde, (who celebrated his 21st birthday on July 25 with his team-mates).

While recovering he missed the SA A tour to Australia and the triangular one-day international (ODI) series in England. Considered fit enough by the medical team, he joined the national squad later in the tour.

He took five wickets for 64 in 11 overs against Somerset and a few against India A in warm-up matches for the Tests against England.

"I am happy with my bowling so far," said Monde, the soft-spoken lanky Border Bear who

THE QUIET MAN

MAKHAYA NTINI and Monde Zondeki have much in common but are quite different in temperament, sportswriters have observed.

"Ntini is an exuberant extrovert," wrote Colin Bryden of the Sunday Times. "Zondeki is quiet spoken to the extent that some have worried that he has the drive to success at the highest level."

Michael Owen-Smith of Independent Newspapers wrote: "He must be the most softly-spoken fast bowler of all time. That has already troubled Makhaya Ntini."

"Man, he hasn't got a temper. You have to have a temper to be a good fast bowler," said Makhaya.

hails from the rural village of Peleton.

At Dale College, he had two sporting passions – cricket and rugby. But after a rugby injury hospitalised him for three days, his late uncle and guardian, Steve Tshwete, former Minister of Sport and Recreation, suggested he should pursue cricket instead.

Monde said, "I thought I'd have a much better chance at cricket any way as there were more opportunities." He believes his place in the national squad would make his uncle proud.

Another breakdown

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But, for the second time in his brief international career, Monde broke down while bowling. After just 11 deliveries he left the field with a side strain. He returned but bowled just three overs in the second innings and did not play in the final Test.

The SA selectors chose him for a "Super Sixes" series later in the year, but relegated him to the South African A side against Sri Lanka. Here his high point was taking six wickets for 37 runs to help clinch the series for his team.

It's been a rough ride for Monde, but if he can avoid recurrent injuries he will remain one of SA's brightest fast-bowling prospects.

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Great to see you again, Makhaya!

INDEED!

ROB HENSEN, a former Dale College teacher who coached South African cricket star Makhaya Ntini at the college in the mid-1990s, has told of an exciting "reunion" meeting with Ntini on the recent tour of England. "It was a wonderful experience," he said.

Rob met Makhaya and fellow Old Dalian SA cricketer Monde Zondeki at Derby, where the tourists played a warm-up game against Derbyshire. Derby is close to Abbotsholm, a private school where Rob has been teaching for 18 months.

Through a Derbyshire cricket official who is chairman of the Old Abbotsholmian Association, he was introduced to Goolam Raja, the SA manager.

Raja then called Makhaya over and this is how Rob described their meeting:

● Makhaya's reaction was wonderful (as if he had just taken a wicket!). He threw his hands in the air and was beaming from ear to ear (like only Makhaya can).

He hugged me and was genuinely excited to see me. I felt quite important in front of a fairly big group of people that had gathered.

He treated me as if I was the celebrity. I was relieved as I had been concerned that he may not have remembered me.

When I said it was wonderful to see him again, the first thing he said was, "INDEED!" (If you have ever heard Makhaya being interviewed you will know that it's his favourite word.)

Makhaya ordered coffee and we sat in the VIP lounge for at least an hour. We spoke about Dale days, his life and his cricket.

He spoke openly and encouraged me to keep asking questions. "You people must know these things," he said.



OLD FRIENDS ... SA cricket star Makhaya Ntini and his former Dale cricket coach, Rob Hensen, pictured in Derby, England

QUOTE

• He (Makhaya) was a sensation in Australia. His bowling was quicker than anything they had seen at schoolboy level and he was the find of the tour with his batting. Makhaya scored 27, 30, 37, 69, 102 and 14. He was the talk of the festival and was photographed and interviewed by the local Press.

— Tour coach and photographer ROB HENSEN, quoted in TransDale, May 1995. Rob was head of the Mathematics Department and senior maths teacher at Dale for five years. His pupils achieved record results.

When we were in Australia on the 1995 Dale cricket tour we met the England cricket team at the WACA in Perth. I photographed the Dale boys and Graham Gooch, with Makhaya standing next to him. (Gooch holds the record for the highest score, 333, at Lord's, where Makhaya recently took ten wickets.)

I thought it was quite a significant photograph and gave Makhaya a copy. He immediately picked up the significance and was delighted. He just kept saying, "Memories, memories."

We spoke about the (Australian) tour and he asked about Graham Nolan (another former Dale teacher) who was the tour manager and also about Deon Boshoff, Mickey Paterson and Gavin Bishop (all teachers he remembered from his Dale days).

So even celebrities remember their teachers! The highlight of his career, he said, was his ten-wicket haul at Lord's. He went back to Lord's the following Saturday when (fellow SA cricketer) Andrew Hall was playing for Worcestershire.

He told the management he wanted to watch Hall play but his main reason for going was to check that they had put his name on the honours board! His was only the tenth name to go down as having taken ten wickets in a match at Lord's.

He said he loved East London and will never leave; he misses his son and wife terribly and that he had been to every cricket playing country in the world except Pakistan and New Zealand.

None of them compared to South Africa, he told me. He also said he was still struggling to get personal sponsorships because of the "rape story" of 2000 (when Ntini was convicted and later acquitted on appeal), but that things were slowly getting better.

He spoke a lot about "the worst year of my life" and asked me whether I thought he was the type of person who would do something like that?

Makhaya has a fantastic sense of humour and we laughed a lot. He told me how hard they practised, how lucky he had been to have been relatively injury-free. How frustrating it was when he had to bat with a recognised batter because then he could not play his natural game. When I asked him what this was, he said: "To hit every ball as hard as I can."

When I told Makhaya that I remembered Monde Zondeki from Dale Junior he went to call him. I was stunned when Monde said he remembered me from when I visited Andrew and Michelle Thompson (teachers) at Dale Junior years ago (they now live and teach in Falmouth, Cornwall). Monde is also a very polite guy and easy to talk to.

Makhaya, Monde and other SA cricketers signed autographs for Rob and Ntini then called SA captain Graeme Smith over for a "brief chat." Rob continues his story:

● I congratulated Graeme on what he had achieved. He is very humble and a really nice guy. Makhaya asked me to tell Graeme that he (Makhaya) had INDEED scored a century on our Dale tour of Australia. Makhaya says no one wants to believe him!

I am amazed at how Makhaya's English has improved – it is excellent, considering how little English he could speak eight years ago.

Many around the ground were talking about him, how he spent hours in the rain the previous day bowling to the little kids, how he was always ready to chat and sign autographs.

"Ntini and his team-mates are a credit to their country," I overheard an elderly man say.

It really was a fantastic day. INDEED!

• For Old Dalians and other friends of Dale wishing to contact Rob, his e-mail address is rhensen@hotmail.com

Great to see you, Francois

FRANCOIS PIENAAR, who captained the Springbok team that won the 1995 Rugby World Cup, autographs a Dale rugby ball during a visit to the college in September. One of the balls he signed now adorns the school's entrance foyer. Francois addressed the college assembly and Grade 7 boys from Dale Junior. After the assembly the visiting party joined Headmasters James Haupt and Mike Hosty, school staff and Old Dalian executive members for tea in the President's Room. Francois signed the Old Dalian visitors' book. The visit was sponsored by First National Bank.



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THE STATE OF DALE TODAY: HEADMASTER HAUPT SPELLS IT OUT

Pressing ahead amid pressure

DESPITE mounting state pressure, particularly over staffing, Headmaster James Haupt remains upbeat about the future of Dale. "We are still intent on achieving World Class," he told TransDale.

"However, parents must realise that they will have to pay more to receive the same, not necessary better service as in the past. One is limited by the staff you can appoint and herein lies the great weakness of our system.

"The crux of the matter is that we cannot replace departmental staff who leave our schools as there is no (departmental) bulletin in which to advertise and every staff member leaving has to be replaced by a governing body, parent paid, teacher."

The Headmaster added: "Before you think we have given up, I can assure you we have not – but you must be aware of the immense pressures we have on us at present over which we have no control.

"We will continue to give 110% in our quest to provide the education we believe our children should receive."

Explaining the pressure the college faced, Mr Haupt said:

"We are still unable to appoint staff from an open bulletin and expect the next bulletin to appear only next year.

"It appears as if staffing ratios will cause us to lose our two excess posts which means that we are only allocated 14 departmentally paid staff members in future. Also, we cannot appoint substitute staff at present.

"We could lose further senior posts at the college based on our numbers, but this is at present being addressed by the unions.

"Over the past five years teachers' training colleges have disappeared and universities are no longer training suitable staff in the critical subject areas, particularly at senior school level. Many staff are leaving for overseas posts which pay better.

"Private schools are now feeling the pinch and are attracting our top pupils as their normal pupil market has been eroded by emigration and high fees – they are openly approaching our pupils with bursaries.

"Private schools are also attracting our top staff as their supply of suitable staff acquired in the past is also dwindling.

"We have lost Miss Delia Daniels to a top private school in Gauteng.

"Administration of the new GETC (General Education and Training Certificate) and FET (Further Education and Training) syllabuses is still very haphazard, yet a reality with the first Grade 9s receiving their certificates this year.

"We therefore have two exit points at senior schools which have to be administered and in both of these the Curriculum 2005 principles of Continuous Assessment is a prerequisite – very taxing on the teachers and many are beginning to show signs of severe stress."

REMOVAL OF RELIGIOUS ELEMENT IN SCHOOLS

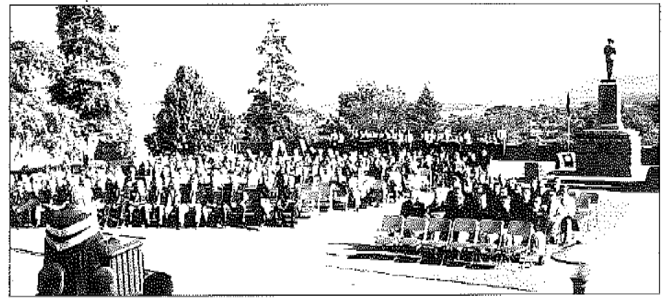
RESPONDING to reported Government moves, the Headmaster said:

"Dale has shown a high degree of tolerance in all such matters over the years and I really think that this issue has been blown out of proportion.

"Nothing has changed at the college in this regard. Staff are assigned assemblies and no one is forced to read from the Bible.

"Normally the message accompanying the reading comes from

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Headmaster James Haupt addresses the Reunion opening Assembly in the Hallowed Courtyard
• Picture RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

A ray of hope in turbulent times

"DALE is the greatest success story in the country regarding multi-cultural education. We are the ray of hope in a country battling to come to grips with the massive changes which have come in a short space of time."

Headmaster James Haupt gave this positive message to the Old Dalian Union's Johannesburg branch at its annual lunch. "Dale – this wonderful school – is alive and well," he said.

"The college has lost nothing of its ability to produce the men of the future, those required to play a role in public life or sport."

But the fact that Dale was "the most progressive school in the multi-cultural stakes" did not receive the recognition it deserved.

"Dale's enormous success is not counting in its favour as we are seen to have hijacked the top sportsmen from the township schools at their expense."

Mr Haupt said Dale's strength lay in two very important areas:

- The powerful voice of Old Dalians in influential places. "The time is near when we will have to call on you to rise up and defend your heritage. We are in the midst of turbulent times ... Our traditional State boys' schools are under serious threat."

- The traditions instilled in our boys. "Dalians, black and white, are true gentlemen, proud of their heritage and willing to defend it at all costs."

The Headmaster called on Old Dalians to "rekindle that bond between yourselves and the boys, regardless of their colour and to take on the powers that be. The same heart that fired you to succeed at Dale on the sports field still beats in those young men we teach and they are fully worthy of your support in difficult times.

"You can be proud of the new breed of Dalian: Do not even think of looking at the colour of his skin. He is as good as any Dalian who has gone before him. The colour may have changed but the heart beats strongly – I do not doubt my boys."

"We are the pioneers at the cutting edge of multi-cultural education and know that where we have already been most schools will still have to follow."

THE BRAIN DRAIN: Teacher flow drying up

THE stream of qualified teachers entering the profession in South Africa is becoming "a mere trickle," says Headmaster James Haupt, reporting on two educational conferences he attended in August-September.

The boys' state schools headmasters' conference was held in Johannesburg and the SA Onderwysers Unie headmasters' conference in Port Elizabeth.

In a letter to Dale College parents giving his impressions, Mr Haupt said it amazed him how similar the concerns and problems were at different schools.

"A recurring theme was that of the importance of maintaining standards against a steadily crumbling support system, marrying the expectations of the past and the realities of the present and the future."

He found it shocking that about 150 colleges of education had stopped functioning in the past five years, drying up the stream of suitably qualified teachers entering the profession.

One became extremely confused when ...

- Wits University could boast only one or two maths and science graduates intended for the teaching

profession each year.

- The head of the university's education faculty had indicated that the profession had outpriced itself – as middle-class parents could no longer afford to send a child to train as a teacher.

"Long gone are the teaching bursaries of the past – the once-strong stream of qualified teachers is sadly becoming a mere trickle," said the Headmaster.

The Headmaster said many trained teachers, fed up with being blocked from securing posts in the public sector, had sought to further their careers in pounds and dollar

terms abroad.

Aids was beginning to affect the supply of teachers. One of the few surviving top colleges of education had reported one student death every month from Aids.

Mr Haupt appealed to parents to "be part of the solution" by supporting the school in its efforts to provide the best possible education.

"It is imperative that we appreciate quality staff who are still in the teaching profession working against all odds to provide the standards they have always been used to and that they are comfortable with."

Presby to be a newboy hostel

PATERSON HOUSE will hopefully reopen as a hostel for Grade 8 newboys next year. The boys will have their meals at Frank Joubert House, which already also feeds boarders from College House.

Headmaster James Haupt said the move had been approved earlier this year by the Governing Body. Zane Hagemann, superintendent of Presby when it was closed as a hostel last September, will be in charge, assisted by the staff living there.

"Councillors will be housed in the single rooms and the boys will be in the top dormitories. We would like to introduce some form of cubicle system in the Presby dorms."

The move would "make it much easier to market the college to prospective parents, with initiation and bullying being continuing bugbears we must now put behind us. Bullying after hours has been a constant problem and we hope to curtail this through separation."

"The idea is eventually to transform the prep-room and the dining-room into a lecture theatre/conference room for which it has been used during the past 18 months."

Mr Haupt said funding for upgrading hostels remained a problem. News was awaited from Anglo American, which had been approached for support.

- The move towards a "newboy Presby" means that plans to develop Presby into a cultural and sporting centre will be dropped.

Here are reports of other new developments at the college:

TECHNOLOGY

DALIANs are doing interesting work at the Design and Technology Centre directed by Andre Wood, an experienced teacher in this field.

The boys have built a petrol-driven three-wheel vehicle, known as the Team Trike, which has made a number of trips around the school grounds.

With generous donations from local firms, woodwork matrices constructed the trike from a motor-cycle, fat tyres from a quad bike, Mazda 323 disc brakes, a Mazda seat, round bar and aluminium tread plating for the finish.

The centre now has nine computers with CAD (Computer Assisted Drawing) programmes bought from Britain.

COMPUTER CENTRE

DIRECTED by Jayne Cansfield, head of computers, top subject software has been bought to assist instruction, especially in maths. Jayne runs the college website (www.dalecollege.co.za).

"The computer centre is looking great and working fantastically," says Jayne. "Thirty new 1.7GHZ Clearness were installed over the April holidays and have been put to maximum use."

The ITSI Curriculum is well under way. All the Grade 10-12 boys who wrote their external Mock MS Word 2000 and MS Word 2000 exams have passed.

Three staff members, Alf Thomen, Wayne Rademan and Gavin Jones have attended weekly training courses and have passed their external MS Word 2000 exams.

OUT OF BOUNDS EDUCATION

OVER weekends boys have been skydiving, river-rafting, water-skiing, abseiling, surfing, snorkelling and fishing. Andre Wood has been in charge of these Adventure Club activities.

The Dale skydivers are the first school group to include two young Xhosa jumpers Kenneth Mahebe (headboy of Frank Joubert) and Budgie Diya. Other skydivers included Gautengers Brett Pyfer, Matthew Eglinton and Christopher Chidgey. The skydiving takes place in Grahamstown.

River-rafting on the Fish River at Cradock was done in inflatable canoes and equipped with safety helmets, life jackets, ropes and back-up crews were on standby. Matthew and Christopher also took part in this activity.

A fishing trip was taken to Port St John's. The adventurers survived on a diet of crawfish, catfish, blacktail fish, avocado pears, pecan nuts, bananas and naartjies – a few loaves of bread. "We did not go hungry," reported Mr Wood.

Warren Dewey was the only Dalian to land a fish. Gautengers David Turnbull and Donovan Swart returned with "two huge fishy stories, hooking into something really big and snapping 42 kg line – not once but twice."

- Said Andre Wood: "Wherever I take young Dalian's I have the same comments from so many complimentary people – 'What wonderful young men you have.'"

"Thank you gentlemen for the privilege of enjoying these outings with you and for your impeccable manners and outstanding behaviour."



Headmaster James Haupt receives the keys of the new school bus from Old Dalian Ray Pook, manager of Star Motors

NEW BUS FOR DALE

DALE COLLEGE has bought a 23-seater Mercedes Sprinter bus thanks to a substantial sponsorship from BK Administrators, a King William's Town institution.

Headmaster James Haupt told TransDale that after a bus had been stolen last year the college was left with a fleet of four ageing mini-buses. The college approached the directors of the institution and received sponsorship enough to buy two small mini-buses or a large Sprinter.

The 23-seater was bought from Star Motors in King William's Town of which Ray Pook, an Old Dalian, is the manager.

"The Sprinter, a diesel bus extremely light on fuel, is being utilised fully by the college," said the Headmaster. "We are greatly indebted to BK Administrators for this magnificent gesture."

Tolerance the key

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whichever source is most encouraging to the boys and is seen as motivational literature.

"We have had readings from various religious beliefs, including some Muslim readings by one or two boys which were well received."

"One has to be careful that you show tolerance and do not overreact in any way. The majority, however, accept the formal Christian message as we have known it over the years."

"It is important to note that most of our black parents are devout Christians. I believe they expect us to continue as we have in the past in our religious observance."

"We do, however, on occasion sing some of our hymns in assembly in Xhosa – this is usually well received – and the occasional prayer in Xhosa."

"We could easily do the same in Afrikaans. I am waiting anxiously for our Afrikaans Department to initiate this – most of our boys take Afrikaans as their 2nd language and not Xhosa, mainly because the latter is a terribly difficult subject to master."

GOVT BAN ON TEACHERS SMOKING IN SCHOOLS

RESPONDING to reported moves on this issue, the Headmaster said:

"We have attempted to move in this direction over the past three years and have a room in the school where staff may smoke and work."

"This is intended to ensure that the real 'addicts' are able to function and carry on working in their free periods – some staff would really suffer withdrawal symptoms and become totally unproductive."

"At break times the smokers smoke outside the staff room and I am not aware of this taking place elsewhere."

"We seem to have moved in this direction in a reasonably trouble-free manner. I do believe that the ideal would eventually be to remove the smokers' 'office' too."

QUOTE

- There is no school better suited to providing your son or grandson with a truly top-quality South African education."

– Headmaster James Haupt

• **IT'S been a good year for Dale Junior, academically, culturally and in sport. Here are edited extracts from reports by senior staff on the school's continuing progress.**

THIS year has been one of change at Dale Junior in the Senior Primary Phase, including changes in staff and in the curriculum. The major differences have been the introduction of a new evaluation (report) system and a greater move towards Outcome Based Education.

Teachers have tackled these new learning areas with enthusiasm and have enriched the academic programme.

This year we have also introduced parent English and maths fun evenings, where parents and boys have the opportunity to play games, present work and interact in a fun learning environment. These evenings have been very worthwhile and we look forward to many more.

Much time and planning have gone into our outdoor education programme, which has seen each grade go on excursions at least once a term. From camping to theatre, the staff have made every effort to ensure the boys get exposed to as much as possible.

This year has seen the introduction of a new programme called Computer 4 Kids. This is an interactive programme which allows for the learning of computer skills while working with topical issues. Each boy spends at least two hours a week in the Computer Room, which enables them to be more skills oriented and confident with technology.

Other highlights have been our annual inter-house quiz and oratory contest, where boys from all grades were given the chance to take part, making the programme more enriching and exciting.

We have revamped our Media Centre and Science laboratory, making both venues brighter and more pupil-friendly. Our Readathon Week was a great success with all grades focusing on some aspect of reading. The week ended with a "Dress as your favourite story book character" day, with a picnic at the Athlone complex.

Teachers at Dale Junior are continually trying innovative ways to make the academic programme more enriching for the boys and 2003 has been a very good academic year.

DALE JUNIORS SHINE ON SPORTS FIELDS

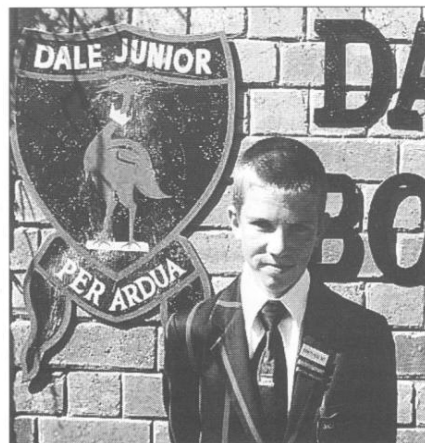
DALE JUNIOR has excelled on the sports field in 2003. From unbeaten cricket teams to provincial rugby and hockey players, we showed why we are the best on the Border!

Our Under 13A CRICKET team ended the first term unbeaten, winning games against Queen's and Stirling. In the September holidays the boys travelled to Cape Town to play SACS, Rondebosch and Wynberg in the SACS cricket festival.

In the fourth term the school was hosting the touring Rondebosch team and Grantleigh School from KwaZulu-Natal.

Our SWIMMERS continued to impress with

A YEAR OF SUCCESS FOR DALE JUNIOR



DANIEL VAN DE VYVER of Dale Junior, who was chosen as Border's player of the tournament at this year's Craven Week. He was the school's only representative in the Border Under 13A rugby side.

Daniel is the son of William and Barbara van de Vyver of Kei Road and the grandson of veteran Old Dalian Butler and Marjorie van de Vyver, now of Gonubie. He also plays for the school's Under 13A cricket team and is deputy headboy.

GORDON McCUNE STAYS IN CHAIR

ATTORNEY Gordon McCune has been re-elected chairman of the Dale Junior Governing Body. An Old Dalian (class of 1973), he has been a member of the Governing Body for five years and has held the chair for two.

The other elected members are: Hein Westensee, a King William's Town doctor who has served on the body for three years; Ismail Munga, a local businessman, who has served for the past year; Joannie Jenkins, a Methodist minister, and Fanie Steffens, a local businessman, both new to the body. Fanie has served on the PTA for a number of years and is its present chairman.

some great individual and team results. Curtly Diesel was chosen to swim for the Border Primary Schools' team in Bloemfontein and for the Border aquatics team in the Level One nationals in Johannesburg.

Our ATHLETES showed true Dalian spirit at the annual triangular athletics meeting where we came second by a few points to Selborne.

On the RUGBY fields we again showed dominance, winning 73 per cent of all matches played. The Under 13As had a very successful festival in Queenstown, winning all three games. In June they travelled to Durban, where they beat Merchiston 29-12 and lost to Durban Prep 17-29.

Daniel van de Vyver was selected for the Border Under 13A team in the Craven Week, where he was named Border's player of the tournament.

Our HOCKEY teams also produced some fine results, with the Under 11As ending the season unbeaten. The Under 13A team had a successful tour to Knysna and recorded a great win over Selborne at the Queen's hockey festival in June.

Craig McCune represented the Border Under 13A team while Nicholas Wiltshire and Granville Smith played for the Border Under 13B team.

At SQUASH our boys did very well against much tougher opponents. In September we hosted a very successful tournament. Craig McCune travelled to Maritzburg to play in the Border Under 13A team. Michael Blunden and Dylan Steffens represented the Border Under 11 team in Pretoria.

At CHESS our teams have done very well. Llewellyn Barnard was chosen to represent the Border team.

The highlight of our third term was the school DRAMA production, "The Count", based on the story of "The Count of Monte Christo." The staff and boys put many hours into the show which was a great success.

CHOIR and MUSIC continue to play a vital role in the school with many boys displaying wonderful talent.

The WILD CLUB enjoyed outdoor excursions, including visits to the Shumba and Double Drift game reserves.

DV TAYLOR HOUSE: A HOME FROM HOME

WAYNE GRÄTZ, superintendent, reports that boarders have enjoyed a busy year. Soon after the rugby season ended the boys were into drama rehearsals for the annual production at the end of the third term.

Farmers' sons have enjoyed outings to local stock sales where they have seen how it is done and have been an advertisement for the school.

Hostel prefects joined school councillors in an event-filled trip up the Kowie River at Port Alfred.

DV Taylor continues to offer a family setting for our boarders, including 43 boys and six girls from KHS.

Spiritual input remains an important part of our curriculum with boarders attending church every Sunday morning and a chapel service each evening at the All Saints' Chapel bordering on our property.

• **For fuller reports on Dale Junior rugby and cricket - see Page 35.**

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JOHN and DELENE KERR, who received Per Ardua Awards at this year's Reunion, are stalwart Dale College parents who "work quietly and efficiently and are always available and busy working for the school." Here they are shown, in a typical role, serving sweet and sour pork at a PTA function.

John, a former teacher at the college, now teaches accounting at Kaffrarian High School. Dele, who is secretary of the college PTA, is a secretary at the local law firm of Squire Smith and Lawrie.

They have two children, Craig, in matric and a councillor (prefect) at Dale, and Leigh-Ayn, who matriculated at KHS last year. She is doing bookkeeping at another King William's Town law firm, Charteris and Barnes.

REUNION 2003 SPECIAL

HARD WORKERS FOR DALE EARN PER ARDUA AWARDS



ANDRE PETZER, another Per Ardua Award winner, is estate manager at Dale Junior. He was president of the Old Dalian Union in 2001. "Apart from his normal duties he does a vast amount of work for Dale Junior. He is always willing to assist and works non-stop for the school in a quiet, efficient way."

Andre and his wife Jean have two Old Dalian sons, Anton (post-matric, 1994) and Marc (1997), both working and playing sport in Britain. Their daughter Angelique matriculated at KHS in 2002. Marc attended the Reunion in 2001 and Anton this year.

A celebration with innovation

IT WAS a Reunion with innovations, most of them well planned. One of the most impressive events came on the final day and was both unexpected and unprecedented.

The Dale Reunion of 2003 was one of the best attended in years, a fun-filled, nostalgic event for at least four eras of Old Daliens – the Classes of 1993, 1983, 1978 and 1973 – with a few smaller groups from other matric years. There were veterans stretching from the '20s to the '60s.

The celebrations were dimmed temporarily by a devastating trail of defeats in the Saturday rugby derby against Selborne, the first team narrowly losing a tryless game and only two senior sides scoring victories.

Guests of honour at the opening Assembly were the Class of '93, back after ten years, and the cricket captains of bygone days – from 1937 skipper Harold Whitfield to 1998s Malibongwe Maketa, a pioneer of a new era, who plays for the Border Bears.

Between them in years was the legendary Hylton Ackerman (1965) who played for Dale firsts from age 12 and captained the side for three years. He went on to be selected for South Africa's ill-fated 1971-72 tour of Australia, which was cancelled for political reasons.

In typical off-the-cuff fashion, Ackie replied for the cricket captains at the Assembly. He paid tribute to two Dalian heroes, double Springbok Buster Farrer and Harold Whitfield, who could have been a Springbok had the Second World War not intervened. Later he became a leading golf administrator.

Ackie had words of encouragement for the captains of the Dale teams, ranging from rugby to chess, due to play against Selborne. He spoke to each as they filed past.

Outgoing ODU national president Grant Turnbull of Gauteng, who welcomed the cricket captains, also greeted veteran Old Daliens Pat



AFTER THE GAME ... Headmaster James Haupt (right) and his wife Selma entertain Selborne headmaster Sam Gunn and his wife Denise. On the left, Selborne's winning coach and deputy head, Max Norman. • Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

Connellan (1929), aged 91, Sam Tarr (1933) and his wartime British regimental comrade Billy Rowles, a former Dale headmaster, and college benefactor John Gouverneur, wheelchair-bound after leg surgery.

Old Dalian long-distance "homecomers" included Michael Stapleton (1973) from Australia, Anton Petzer (1993) from London and Kurt Frauenstein (1980), who flew in from New Zealand for his father's funeral which coincided with the Reunion opening day. Greg Christelis came from Namibia to join classmates of 1973.

Deon Boshoff, who coached the First XV in three successive and successful years in the 1990s, was back to renew friendships with the Class of

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Lets keep the Border bond

DALE COLLEGE should retain the bond and the traditions it shared with Selborne and Queen's, said master of ceremonies Rodney Breetzke, welcoming guests from Border schools.

He congratulated Selborne on attaining the No 1 place in SA schools rugby last year and wished them well on retaining this position this season.

Selborne was Dale's second oldest rugby rival, he said. "Their first recorded match against Dale was in August 1892. Dale won by two tries to one."

De la Salle of East London had been closed for about 28 years but still had a very strong Old Boys' association.

Proposing the toast to South Africa, Mr Breetzke said it was a country of diversity and opportunity, regarded as an example to follow.

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Festive fun beats rugby gloom

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1993, including nine members of his unbeaten team of that year. Introducing the '93 matrics, he sprinkled his speech with anecdotes about his expupils.

Per Ardua Awards for dedicated service to the school went to hard-working parents John and Delene Kerr and another tireless worker for both schools, Andre Petzer, estate manager at Dale Junior and a past-president of the Old Dalian Union. They joined the ranks of 89 members of the Dale Family who have received this award since it was introduced 21 years ago.

In an entertaining innovation, members of the Dale Choir marched into the Hallowed Courtyard singing the American military theme song from the movie, "Stockade". Then, from the steps of the college building, they rendered the tongue-twisting "The Court of King Caractacus."

At the Old Dalian annual general meeting Pastor Paul Smit of King William's Town was elected to his second term as national president (he served in 1998). Dave Cawthorn (1968) of Stutterheim is the new senior vice-president and Ray Nixon (1970) of King William's Town the junior vice-president.

Outgoing secretary Daryl Edwards (1994), has moved from King William's Town to Gauteng but will remain on the executive as treasurer Andre Odendaal (1997) of King has taken over as secretary.

Committee members are: John Ranger (1969) of Kei Road, Ted Warren (1973) of Stutterheim, Peter Brown (1976) of King William's Town, Cedric Bosman (1964) and Justin Charad (1962) of East London, John Gouverneur (1947) of Durban and Zane Hagemann, an Old Selbornian who is a member of the Dale College staff.

Tributes were paid to veteran Dale historian Lyle (LLF) Wood, 88, who was recovering from eye surgery and sent his apologies. It was only the second Reunion he had missed in recent years.

Friday afternoon's activities included rugby games between Dale Junior Grades 1 and Grade 2 and a touch rugby competition.

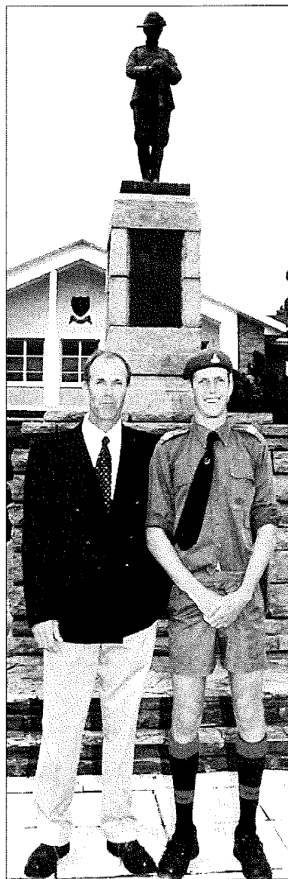
Two young ladies' teams from Rhodes University and Clarendon Girl's High, East London, contested the LLF Trophy against two teams from the Dale Class of '93, two mixed sides of local lads, mainly Old Dalians, a schoolboy team from Stirling High, a team from Ginsberg township and a Dale staff team. The Rhodes girls were joined on the field by their two men coaches.

The LLF Wood trophy was won by an Old Dalian side which beat Ginsberg in the final.

That evening, at a dinner-dance in the college assembly hall, Pastor Paul Smit was inducted as national president of the ODU. He is only the third to serve a second term in this office and only the second padre president.

Prizes for the 2000 Club Old Dalian membership raffle were drawn at the dinner. The first prize worth R24 000, the second of R8 000, as well as two smaller prizes were won by Old Dalians from Gauteng.

On the Saturday "morning after" Hylton Ackerman entertained 90 members of the Dale Family with a fascinating anecdotal talk at a 7am breakfast. It was the first time such a function had been held and, if it is repeated, it will be a hard act to follow.



THE OLDEST OLD BOY AT REUNION

Leaning on his stick at 91, Pat Connellan stands proudly in the Hallowed Courtyard. He made it to the Reunion and was the oldest Old Dalian there.

Pat (1925-29) of Kei Road, has two Old Dalian sons, Lorrie, deputy headboy in 1961, of Melbourne, Australia, and Trevor (1959-64), who farms near Kei Road and stays with his father in the town.

FATHER AND SON AT THE HELM

Ritz Vos, then chairman of the Dale College Governing Body, and his son Lammert pictured at the War Memorial at the Reunion. Lammert, this year's headboy was also a member of the Dale First XV.



All the best!



CRICKET legend Hylton Ackerman greets Dale first team rugby captain Keegan Daniel at the assembly
• Pictures: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

That afternoon the first-team rugby game against Selborne was lost by a solitary penalty goal. It was a gruelling struggle, marked not by spectacular open play but outstanding tackling by both sides.

There was a new touch to the rugby songs from the Dale stand – a bit of rap and a lot of clap, clap, clap alongside traditional numbers. New traditions are being born as old Xhosa songs are adapted by an emergent new element of Dalians.

Modern songs or well-known jingles are being modified. But some Old Dalians felt that the volume of Dalian support was lower and that their

singing was outshone by the Selbornians.

Where, some asked, was the Dalian and Old Dalian post-match War Cry? The Selbornians celebrated their victory in style. The Dale First XV left the field seemingly exhausted and dispirited while Old Dalians headed in despair for the solace of the Malcom Andrew Centre and off-campus pubs.

Despite the rugby gloom hundreds of Old Dalians thronged the marquee on the old Athlone tennis courts. Amid thunderous disco music and a vibrant atmosphere conversation was difficult but old friendships were renewed and new ones forged. The music and a late-night Dale War Cry were heard many kilometres away.

What if we did lose the match? We had thrashed Queen's the previous weekend and Selborne would get their comeuppance some time. And, as is often said after defeat, well, it's only a game!

After overnight rain, the Sunday Memorial Service was held, for the first time, not in the Hallowed Courtyard, but in the college hall. Old Dalian national president Paul Smit, in a dual role, presided over the service.

The Changing of the Guard and wreath-laying ceremonies were performed, not at the War Memorial, but indoors. From outside the hall, 1963 Dale bugler Charles Castle of Benoni sounded the Last Post and the Reveille. Graham Cowley of the East London Caledonian Pipe Band piped the National Anthem for his third successive year.

It was an impressive, different occasion, a tribute to superb re-organisation at short notice by the Old Dalian and school leadership. Contingency planning paid off.

As the tumult of the Reunion subsided, Old Dalian stalwart John Gouverneur, recovering bravely from a partial leg amputation and months in hospital, hosted his now-traditional lunch for Dale Family friends. It was a fitting end to a memorable weekend.

IT'S PAUL AGAIN! The Pastor President

PASTOR PAUL SMIT is only the third Old Dalian to serve twice as national president. With characteristic modesty, he says: "This is a real honour to be among those names. I just hope my second term does not indicate an absence of anyone else to play this role!"

Old Dalian Union PRO Jack Rosenberg's terms were 20 years apart (in 1962 and 1982). Farmer and cricket star Sid Knott served in successive years (1987 and 1988). Paul's first term was in 1998.

He is also only the second church minister to lead the Old Dalian Union. The Rev Frank (Tanner) Sutton held the office in 1928 while he was Headmaster of Dale College.

Paul, a former teacher and hockey star, is pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in King William's Town. His wife Rose, a former teacher at Dale Junior, is now vice-principal at the town's Central Primary School. They have three children, Alison, aged 11, and Danica, 8, at Kaffrarian Primary School, and two-year-old Simeon – like his dad's, a good Biblical name.

When first inducted as president Paul modestly described himself as a schoolboy "drop-out" and told his dinner audience: "You will not find my name on any honours board here." Yet he played first team hockey for four years and for Border Schools. At centre-half in his final year he captained the first team and won a prize for "promise and performance." He also represented the Border Under 21 hockey side for three years and was captain in his last year. Some "drop-out!"

After matriculating, he studied for three years at the Port Elizabeth Teachers' College, where he was SRC chairman. He took his Higher Education Diploma at the Cape Town Teacher's College.

Later, after army service, he taught at Excelsior Industrial School in King William's Town for two years and at Dale Junior for a further two.

A turning point in Paul's life came when he joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1993. He obtained a Bachelor of Theology degree and a Licentiate in Theology through the Baptist International Theological Society. In 2000 he obtained a Master of Philosophy degree through Stellenbosch University, with emphasis on Bible skills.

Paul comes from an educational and religious family background. His father is Mr

TV (Viv) Smit, a former Baptist pastor who was one of Dale Headmaster Colin Thomson's three vice-principals and later senior vice-principal. His mother Wanda taught at Kaffrarian High School.

Viv Smit was also the school's teacher psychologist – a role to which he was well suited after his years as a minister before joining the Dale staff in 1972.

"This background enabled him to understand and counsel many boys through difficult periods in their lives," reported the Dale College Magazine, which described him as "a teacher psychologist par excellence ... remembered for his wit, endless anecdotes and tremendous oratory." He left Dale in 1980 to become a clinical psychologist in East London and moved on promotion five years later to Cape Town where he retired in 1990.

Viv and Wanda live in Pinelands. "Dad keeps active by painting and playing keyboard," says Paul. "Both spend many hours doing puzzles, reading and pottering in the garden."

As a day-boy at Dale for nine years Paul was an adventurous lad, prone to occasional mischievous escapades. Barry de Blocq, a schoolboy friend for all those years, recalls how they once "borrowed" Paul's father's car for a jaunt to East London to see girlfriends. Paul topped up the petrol tank on their return to throw his dad off the scent, says Barry, who now lives in Randburg.

Keen motor-cyclists, Barry and Paul used to drive unlicensed in and out of town on their 50 cc bikes. They drove to the licensing department to become licensed and then to the magistrate's offices to collect the documents. Larks like these occurred while Viv Smit was one of the headmaster's right-hand men.

At 40, Paul remains a down-to-earth Old Dalian, a man of strong religious convictions, of remarkable sincerity and humility. Like his eloquent father, he is a gifted and witty public speaker. He tells a good story and can be both light-hearted and serious to suit the occasion and the audience.

At this crucial time in the life of the ODU, Paul is more determined than ever to revive the union he has already served well. He deserves the support of Old Dalians and friends of Dale. His goals are outlined on Page 10.



COME DANCE WITH ME! President Paul Smit and his wife Rose take the floor at the Old Dalian induction dinner

• Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

QUOTES

• Headmasters have humoured us, tolerated us, been exceptionally generous in humility towards us, when most of the time we have just been a massive pain in the butt. I'm sure we must often have appeared as the little old frustrated maid who feels the world owes her everything.

• We often refer to all that the Old Boys have given – the swimming pool, the gymnasium, the school hall and more recently the Malcom Andrew Centre. If we spent more time looking forward and less time looking back we could become much more valuable to the schools than at present.

• The ODU will not survive without people committed to the vision of Dale. If we do not get many more on board, we will become merely a group of individuals needing framing in the President's Room showcases!

– Pastor Paul Smit, ODU national president

• The strength of a school lies in its Old Boys.
– The Editor of the 1913 Dale College Magazine

'The choice remains ours: No God, no peace, know God, know peace'

THESE dramatic, closing words summed up the message of Pastor Paul Smit at the 2003 Reunion Memorial Service.

After saluting the Old Dalians who gave their lives in seeking peace and defending their country, he had words of comfort for their families and friends. Today we were enjoying the freedoms for which these men had died, he said.

In a challenging address, the ODU's new national president spoke of mankind's apparently futile pursuit of peace in many spheres of life.

Peace, however, could be found through knowing the "Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ."

There were two obvious things about war, said Pastor Paul:

• There had never been a moment in history without wars, conflicts and skirmishes somewhere on earth; and ...

• In any conflict at least one of the participants was fighting for peace. The human race seemed set for a future without peace – even if there were no wars.

There were "wars in marriages, wars between parents and children, wars with in-laws, wars in the labour market, wars with debt, poverty and disease." Health, money, fame and fortune never guaranteed peace.

"I cannot offer you any guarantees in the Word of God that you will not experience war and conflicts in your life ... but I can from the Word of God, offer you the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ of whose government and peace there is no end! The choice remains ours ..."

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President Paul Smit aims to combat that negative image **Get the good news out about Dale**

• **PAUL SMIT** spells out his goals for his second term as national president of the Old Dalian Union. This article combines an interview with TransDale and extracts from his Reunion induction address.

OUR biggest challenge is to change perceptions among Old Dalians and the general public about Dale's status since it became a school that represents our country rather than the white minority.

We seem very strong at Reunions but quite different during the year. This is probably my biggest concern. It's an uphill slog to try to motivate, contact and get support from the thousands of Old Boys out there.

Time and again I come across a great deal of negativity with talk like: "The ratios are all wrong ... the discipline is down the tube, the hostels are crummy."

The facts are quite different. The results in the classroom and on the sports fields remain exceptional and speak for themselves. Why are many Old Dalians not able to accept this?

My mission this year is to try to change these negative perceptions. The only way to do so is by spreading information first to Old Boys, then the general community.

My main project is to update and enlarge our database. With only about 10 per cent or less of Old Dalians in our systems, and many of those with outdated details, it's not easy to get the news of Dale to those who matter – the Old Boys, their wives and their sons.

With a reasonably good database, we could get the good news out, get the support in and begin to be a force of support for our headmasters and schools.

Another positive spin-off from a more thorough database would be financial support. In my 13 years on the national executive we have not been able to speak with any degree of clout.

With many more Old Boys on board and with financial and other support behind us we can and will make positive input into the life of the school.

• **Discussing the Old Dalian 2000 Club raffle, which has replaced the membership subscription system, Paul Smit said:**

THE SCHEME has been enormously successful, considering that about five times the number of usual subs supporters bought into the raffle idea.

Another spin-off has been the new and renewed contacts made through ticket sales. The raffle is taking place again this year. I would urge the national executive to re-look at this once we have a more substantial database.

Another thought is the possibility of aggressively promoting the Johannesburg branch's concept of a monthly debit order some time in the future.

If only 2 000 Old Dalians bought a raffle ticket for R100, with half given away (in prize money) we could set up the office for five years. If we could adopt the Johannesburg branch idea and sign up 2 000 debit orders at R20 a month we could sponsor 35 boys at Dale, or pay off an astro-turf hockey pitch in a couple of years, or buy a new tractor when needed, or fix up Presby ...

This cannot happen as long as we do not have people to contact. The last 40 years or so

IT'S ALL YOURS!

Past-president Grant Turnbull hands over the reins to new president Paul Smit at the Old Dalian Reunion dinner



TO SOUTH AFRICA!

The top table joins in the loyal toast. From left: Cheryl Cawthorn (whose husband Dave proposed the toast), Rose and Paul Smit, Lesley (obscured) and Grant Turnbull, Selma and James Haupt.

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must have yielded around 4 000 Old Boys. Where are they now? If we can just get half of the Old Boys hooked on our mailing list and half of them supporting us somehow, we will be in a very good position indeed.

It's a lot easier to be critical than correct. My appeal to Old Boys is: Cut the criticism, get your details to the office, recruit those you meet, or at least send us their details so we can get the facts out regularly, until Old Dalians again begin to believe in Dale.

• **Questioned by TransDale about the disturbing decline in the number of boarders at Dale, and how the ODU could help to stem the tide, the national president said:**

I THINK that (former president) Grant Turnbull's "Adopt a Dalian" drive in Johannesburg is great. Once we get the tax-relief implications sorted out, this idea will help to lift the boarding aspect of Dale. The ODU is the catalyst for this project and I will certainly keep it alive.

I do not believe we have to accept that Dale will become a small-town day school. But as long as Old Dalians refuse to see the good in the "new" Dale, and they continue to choose some of our less-integrated rival schools for their sons, we will struggle.

We have lots of work to do in promoting our schools, getting the facts out, and changing the false perceptions out there.

WHAT can the ODU do to encourage Old Dalians of colour to become active members of the union? Paul Smit responded:

WITHOUT our new Old Dalians on board, we are just waiting to die. Suggestions on how to achieve this in the light of cultural differences will be greatly appreciated.

THE NEW Old Dalian national president had strong words about the state's reported plans to remove the religious element from school assemblies? PAUL SMIT told TransDale:

All are entitled to believe as they wish. However, the fact remains that Christianity continues to be the overwhelming religious grouping at Dale. Surely then, the Governing Body should be able to set the general religious character of the school without offending those of different faiths.

This has been achieved successfully in the past. When a child comes to Dale he and his parents know and agree to the "religious flavour" of the school.

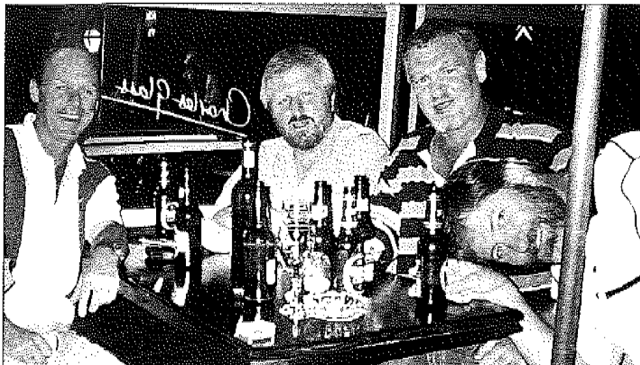
When this conflicts with their own beliefs, pupils are excused from the occasion.

I see the Minister of Education's agenda as an infringement of parents' right to have a say in their child's education.

Since 1994 we have seen a steady removal of the parent's say in the life of the child and what he is taught.

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What a night at the Keg & Rose!



1978 REVELLERS (from left) Russell Linde, Roy van Ballegooyen, Andrew Kent, Graham Hartley



WHEN OLD FRIENDS MEET ... Alan Eyre, Douglas Davey, Alan Sutton, Charlie Fletcher

AFTER a quarter of a century ... they were back: Shayas, Snowy, Spoon, Schalkie, Shortie, Schloof, Scab ... Twerpy, Tessie, Tsie Tsie, Toss, Tickey, Tusks ... Zomph, Zo's ... Virgin, Challa, Boom, Foot, PC, Ragha, Gug ...

THE CLASS of 1978 – nearly 40 of them and some with the quaintest Dale nicknames – were the biggest returning class at Reunion 2003. They were also possibly the most gregarious.

Five came from Cape Town, five from Port Elizabeth, four from Gauteng, four from King and others from Klerksdorp, Kokstad, Queenstown, Fort Beaufort and Tarkastad. But most (15) came from East London, which was why the main "thrash" was held in that city.

And what a party they had on the Friday night at The Keg and Rose, Beacon Bay – nobody can remember too much about it, not even how many were there!

"We drank, chatted, drank, ate, drank ...", said Bradley Joubert of Port Elizabeth, who more than anyone was responsible for the return of the '78s to Dale.

"From there we went to the Cigar Bar around the corner," he told TransDale. "I left about 1 am ... There were some late-nighters ... Peter Guest, I hear, at 4 am ... Alan Eyre, dragging an Old Selbornian around with him."

Who was the life and soul of the party? "Sue Rayment!" (wife of Glynn).

"Who brought their wives and partners to the party?" "Only the brave!" was Brad's reply.

Earlier in the day a dignified, unusually well-dressed group of 26 had gathered at the Reunion Assembly and been photographed formally. Two were caught bunking the photo session – Barry (Toss) Bezuidenhout and Jeff (Tusks) Cleary.

They then moved on happily to a pub lunch at the Grosvenor Lodge – "a good session," said Brad. "We had the place to ourselves. A great start. Thanks to Schloof Schroeder for sponsoring the first few rounds."

We asked Brad the usual question: Had the



ASSEMBLY LINE-UP ... Top row (from left): Richard Roach, Andrew Kent, Ken Parker, Glen Trollope, Nigel Westcott, Graham Hartley, Kevin Schroeder, Ian Wilson. Middle: Steve Nell, Anthony van Schalkwyk, Dean Radue, Peter Bezuidenhout, Simon Thompson, Charlie Ranger, Alan Sutton, Ian Karshagen. Front: Douglas Davey, Alan Eyre, Glynn Rayment, Bradley Joubert, Kevin Mullins, Brian James, Peter Guest, Russell Linde.

• **Pictures: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King, and BRADLEY JOUBERT**
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usual suspects changed much – in appearance and nature – after 25 years?

His comment (in rugby terms): "We might have to do a bit of position reshuffling if we want to put a Golden Oldies side together. A couple of wings will have to move to the front row and perhaps even a scrumhalf/hooker, and a couple of loosies will have to move to the backline."

"We can anchor the pack around Foot (Steven Joubert) and bring in any of Spoon (Ken Parker) Graham (Hartley) or Glen (Trollope)."

"Beside a bit of weight, baldness or greyness – once I started talking to the guys it was as if nothing had changed."

Talk like this possibly inspired Bradley Joubert to select a Class of '78 Rugby Team, "chosen on merit from those who attended a practice on 3-5-2003."

Perhaps this took place when revelry was resumed at the Grosvenor on Reunion Saturday or under the big tent at the Athlone tennis courts that night. But by then Glen Trollope was mysteriously out of the running.

As far as is known Brad's team have yet to take the field. What about a clash against next

Reunion's returning Class of '79 (too young?) or the former Dale hockey captains (sissies?) invited as honoured guests.

Here, for the interest of countless rugby fans (Selbornians and Queenians included) is Brad's mythical team – a team that might have rivalled the First XV beaten twice by Selborne this year. Or even the 'Boks packing for Perth! Unfortunately eligible "merit" disadvantaged players were unavailable for selection in 1978.

THE TEAM

15. Fullback: Dean Radue – a natural "eye" for the ball.
14. Right wing: Nigel Westcott – took his chances.
13. Outside centre: Glynn Rayment – Sue convinced the management to pick him.
12. Inside centre: Johnny King – never lets us down.
11. Leftwing: Gavin Kindness – so reliable.
10. Flyhalf: Russell Linde – was a crap flank, but to stop him squealing we had to include him.
9. Scrumhalf: Charlie Ranger – getting back to his old form.
8. Eighth man: Graham Hartley – a late developer but size counts.
7. Flank: Ragha Mullins – like a good red wine.
6. Flank: It's my spreadsheet so I'm going to play!
5. Lock: Spoon Parker – ex-hockey but has seen the light.
4. Lock: Foot Joubert – recognised at last.
3. Prop: Mike Braun – will anchor the pack yet again.

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THIS PAGE IS SPONSORED BY THE CLASS OF '78

25 years on, where are they now?

THIS is what some of the Class of 1978 are doing:
KEVIN (Ragha) MULLINS: Cape Town. Runs his own real estate company (Mullins Properties) with his wife Arlene. Also consults for large corporations on management coaching sales and negotiation training and motivation. Two daughters. E-mail: dynamind@mweb.co.za

CHARLIE (Challa) RANGER: Blairgowrie, Randburg. Operations director for a business unit at Medscheme. Spent more than six years in Johannesburg, two-and-half years in Cape Town and three in Port Elizabeth. Moved back to Johannesburg on promotion last December. He and Carol have two daughters. E-mail: cer@medscheme.co.za

KEVIN (Schloof) SCHROEDER: Johannesburg. Works for Altron in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, new projects, helping ailing businesses. Also CEO Chartertech and has other board appointments. He and Leanne (married for seven years) have a daughter and son. E-mail: kschroeder@altron.co.za

KEN (Spoon) PARKER: Cape Town. Insurance broker in the short-term industry. Unmarried (girlfriend for two years). Coaching hockey for clubs and junior provincial teams and playing mainly social masters hockey (over 35s). A bit heavier than 25 years ago and has not much hair left. E-mail: ken@rbsolutions.co.za

GRAHAM HARTLEY: Alberton. Working for SCAW Metals (part of Anglo Plc) as director for the cast products division, including foundries. A bit of engineering and commercial and a lot of labour issues. He and Liz have a son. E-mail: hartleya@scaw.co.za

SIMON THOMPSON: East London. Working for T-Systems, a solutions-provider in the IT field, and looking after the DaimlerChrysler network. He and Maryann have two sons and a daughter. E-mail: simonthompson@t-systems.co.za

ROY (Shayas) VAN BALLEGOOYEN: Cape Town. Working with CSIR, Environmentiek, tackling impact assessment/engineering design and similar marine environment projects. He and Jean (wed in 1999) have a son. E-mail: rvballeg@csir.co.za

ALAN (Tickey) SUTTON: Sandton. With Dimension Data on financial side, till recently involved in project implementing a new back office accounting system (SAP) "for my sins." He and a fellow Old Rhodian, Linda (wed in 1991), have a son and a daughter. E-mail: suttonhome@worldonline.co.za

ANDREW KENT: East London. After owning several businesses and investing in the Stock Exchange (made some, lost some), turned his hobby into a career. He is now a registered fund manager, managing equity portfolios for clients of National Finance Brokers. He and Heather (wed in 1989) have a daughter and a son. E-mail: akent@nfbel.co.za

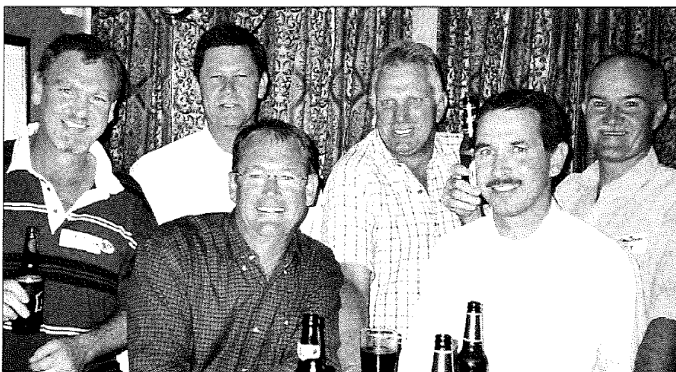
ALAN (Tessie) TESSENDORF: East London. Working with arivia.com, an IT business with clients around SA. He and Karen (wed in 1984) have a son (at Selborne) and a daughter. Takes a bit of flak when Dale play "The Fish". E-mail: alan.tessendorf@arivia.co.za

NIGEL WESTCOTT: Port Elizabeth. Working in Uitenhage for 14 years with Volkswagen, mainly in systems development and now responsible for the IT and communications infrastructure. He and Sharon (wed in 1989) have three sons. E-mail: westcot@vwsa.co.za

STEPHEN (Snowy) NELL: Cape Town. After working in Johannesburg and in England, he now has his own quantity surveying and building company. He and Tracey (wed in 1994) have a



PUB LUNCH at the Grosvenor. Top row (from left): Kevin Schroeder, Barry Bezuidenhout, Nigel Westcott, Bradley Joubert, Douglas Davey, Dean Radue, Brian James, Alan Sutton, Andrew Kent. Middle: Kevin Mullins, Jeff Cleary, Peter Bezuidenhout, Steve Nell, Ken Parker. Front: Russell Linde, Roy van Ballegooyen, Glynn Rayment, Anthony van Schalkwyk, Graham Hartley.



MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE KEG ...

Back row (from left): Andrew Kent, Nigel Westcott, Barry Bezuidenhout, Bradley Joubert. Front: Brian James and Douglas Davey.

THE TEAM TO BEAT 'THE FISH'

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2. Hooker: Charlie Fletcher – captain, in the mould of Sean Fitzpatrick.
1. Prop: Alan Eyre – on current form, better suited to this position.

THE COACHING BENCH

"Head" coach: Peter Guest – experienced Selborne Under Nine coach.
 Media liaison: Kevin Schroeder – don't leak any secrets!
 Technical coach: Tickey Sutton (no longer the Happy Hooker).
 Scrumming coach: Steve Nell
 Backline defence coach: Geoff Willmers.
 Strategy team: Ian Wilson, Simon Thompson.
 Racial harmony advisers: Geo (Scab) James and Quinton (Charlie) Pote (some shrewd political anticipation here).

daughter and a son. E-mail: dns@icon.co.za

BRADLEY (Zo's) JOUBERT: Port Elizabeth. Fifteen years with BP (five in EL, two in Durban, two in Pretoria and now in seventh in PE). Now key account manager-industrial. He and Charmaine (wed 12 years) have two daughters. Current weight: 75 kg. Less hair than 25 years ago, with greyish tint. E-mail: Bradley.Joubert@za.bp.com

ROBIN HAYIDAKIS. King William's Town. He and his brother run a furniture shop. He and

Spiritual adviser: Ian Karshagen.

Lazer treatment specialist: Douglas Davey.

Selectors (after Brad's original selection – has he been sacked already?): Shortie Piater, Gug Roach.

NOT SELECTED – AND WHY

Robin Hayidakis – told to keep fit. Selection was close.
 Schalkie – not considered. Missed practice too often.
 Alan Tessendorf – dropped for having a son at Selborne.
 Andrew Kent – not considered due to lack of speed (refer Two Oceans 2003 time).
 Jeff Cleary and Toss Bezuidenhout – not considered. Missed class photo.
 Graham (Chorb) Turnbull – disqualified because he didn't pitch at Reunion.

Gail, whom he married as a widow with two children in 1993, have a son in Sub A at Dale Junior. Gail's eldest son, Tyrell van Wyk, was killed in a motor accident in 2000 soon after matriculating at Dale. Younger son Quinn is in matric at Dale. E-mail: arnolds@border.co.za

M (Shortie) PIATER: East London. Senior electrician, Coastal Technical Services Centre, Eskom, East London. He has been at Eskom for 18 years and enjoys field work. Married with two children. E-mail: Piaterm@Eskom.co.za

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GOD'S TIMING!

Kurt flies in for his dad's funeral – and finds solace among old friends at Dale

FOR Old Dalian Kurt Frauenstein Reunion 2003 was a "homecoming" of mixed emotions. For the second time in a year he flew in from New Zealand for a family funeral. Last year it was his mother's ... this time his dad's – and it coincided with the opening day of the Reunion.

That day Kurt attended his father's funeral service and cremation and sadly helped inter his parents' ashes together in the King William's Town cemetery.

Then, bravely, he went on to join in the Reunion celebrations and enjoyed being back. With him on the trip were his Kiwi-born wife Marg and children Jonathan, 7, and daughter Hannah, 6.

"It was all in God's timing," Kurt told me, "I came back for my father's funeral, but was also offered a chance to meet old friends. It was part of the closure for me that I could connect with Dale College and King William's Town again."

"I am now inspired to come back for my 25th class reunion in 2005." (He matriculated in 1980.)

Kurt, who emigrated to New Zealand in 1994, is a captain in Asian Express Airlines, flying Boeing 727 freighters for DHL Worldwide Express. They deliver freight overnight between Australia and New Zealand and also do charter work in the South Pacific.

Before flying home to Auckland the family spent five days in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (formerly the Kalahari Gemsbok Park) and visited his old school friend Barry de Blocq and his family in Gauteng.

"Earlier Jonathan and Hannah enjoyed a trip down memory lane when I took them to the farm where I grew up and showed them my playgrounds etc," he says.

His father, Moritz Frauenstein, had a trading station on a farm at Tyata, about 30 km out of King. Though not a Dalian, he was a keen supporter and served on the school committee.

Kurt spent 12 years at Dale – from Sub A to matric. Six other boys were with him in the same class – Craig Sparg, Barry de Blocq, Pierre van der Merwe, Mark Beard, Vivian Pitchers and Derek Radue.

For several years he was a boarder, first at Taylor's (junior) Hostel but mostly at Paterson House, where he ended up as deputy headboy.

"Presby was known, among other things, for its newboy initiation, which today would be severely frowned upon, but it had its benefits if used properly."

When he and others moved up to the college from Dale Junior headmaster DV (Dummy) Taylor told them "we were the big fish in a small bowl and soon we would be the small fish in a big bowl and we must prepare for this."

His father advised him to try everything. He tried the Library, the SCA and the Agricultural Society and played loose-head prop forward from the Under 10s to the first rugby team.

After playing the bugle, the cymbals, the tenor drum and the bass drum in the Cadet Band he became second in command of the Guard of Honour.

He was also lighting director for the Dale Players. "Once when we were putting up scaffolding in the courtyard for the lights for one of Shakespeare's plays I fell and ended up hanging

FAMILY TRIP ... Kurt Frauenstein with Kiwi-born Marg, Jonathan, 7, and Hannah, 6

By JOE SUTTON



FRIENDS since Sub A ... Kurt in Gauteng with Barry de Blocq

by an arm from a crosspiece. It gave me a scar I still carry on my arm," he says.

At school Kurt never enjoyed the academic side much. He never bothered about maths as he could not see where he would use it as an adult. Later, after struggling through his pilot's exams, he wished he could have mastered maths at school.

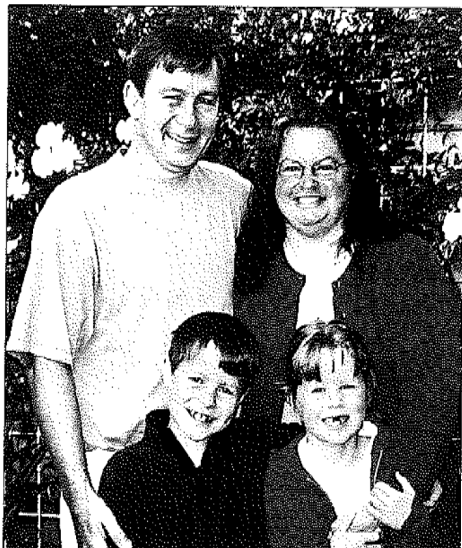
Straight after leaving Dale Kurt went to New Zealand for a year on a Rotary exchange scholarship. Through friends he met Marg on a blind date.

Back home he did his two years' National Service in the SAAF but this did not include flying. His cadet training at Dale paid off and he ended up a regimental instructor at Valhalla (near Pretoria) getting airmen through their first three months of basic training.

"But I had always been interested in flying and took gliding lessons in King and Cathcart. Dad always said the Germans taught their pilots to fly gliders and then gave them an aeroplane."

While working for Safair Freighters on the ground he qualified privately as a commercial pilot in 1988 and flew with the airline based in Johannesburg. Later he flew in Angola.

In 1991 he returned to New Zealand on a visit and met Marg again. They were married a year later and after he emigrated they set up home in



Auckland in 1995 when Jonathan was born. Hannah followed 15 months later.

"New Zealand is a peaceful country with plenty more rain than I will ever get used to. It is not too cold, though the warmer seasons are shorter," he says.

But Kurt admits: "I was born in Africa and Africa is still my veins. You will never get Africa out of my system. After this last trip I really appreciated South Africa and enjoyed the vast expanse of the arid regions near Upington."

Kurt and Marg "home-school" Jonathan and Hannah, who have never been to a registered school. "Education in New Zealand is varied now," says Kurt. "Good standards and morals are taught in some schools and not in others. It all depends on who is at the top."

"Marg, a former primary school teacher, knows the standard and would like our children to reach a higher level. They enjoy their mother teaching them most things, but only dads can teach certain things like how to catch spiders and scare the girls."

On last year's visit to King, Marg was impressed by the traditions at Dale. "It is a lot like the school she had attended. She found the boys full of respect and holding a good standard."

As a former first-teamer Kurt watched this year's Reunion rugby "with enthusiasm," but was critical of the referee. "I think Dale should play against a 15-man side next time and not 16," he said.

He was disappointed with the Dalian singing and support. "The boys need to get their singing back to what it was in the '60s when Dale even cut a record (of rugby songs). Maybe that's what the Old Dalian Union can do for the school – mentor them back to singing and shouting for their team."

"I enjoyed being back for the Reunion and almost wanted to get my jacket off and climb in and be part of the team. It is good to hear about other Old Dalians but too many people think it is only about reminiscing where it is really about the future."

♦ Kurt's elder brothers, Hilmar (1968) David (1970) and Martin (1974) all matriculated at Dale. Martin, played tight-head prop forward for Dale firsts and excelled as a sprinter. He, his wife and four children, live in Wellington, New Zealand.

♦ At school Kurt's nickname was "German." His e-mail address is kurt.f@clear.net.nz

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PAST CRICKET CAPTAINS at the Reunion Assembly. Back row (from left): **Bradley Worth (1985)**, **Peter Monaghan (1988)**, **Rory Kieck (1989)**, **David Lawson (1983)**, **Gavin Busse (1956-59)**, **Jackie Wainwright (1967-68)**, **Hylton Ackerman (1963-65)**, **Bernard O'Hagan (1962)**, **John Durant (1966)**, **Graham Stapleton (1972)**, **Nigel (Bun) Hopley (1973)**, **Ray Ranger (1974-75)**, **Mark van Buuren (1984)**. Front: **Kevin Busse (1956)**, **Donald Searle (1957)**, **Buster Farrer (1954)**, **Sid Knott (1951)**, **Harold Whitfield (1937)**, **Hugh Mackenzie (1944)**, **Athol Hagemann (1955)**, **Malcolm Anderson (1953)**.

A salute to yesterday's heroes ...

PAST Dale cricket captains spanning more than 60 years returned to the playing fields of Dale College to be honoured at Reunion 2003.

They ranged from 1937 skipper **Harold Whitfield**, who played for Border while still at school and later became prominent in golf as a player and administrator, to **Malibongwe Maketa (1998)**, the first black cricketer to captain Dale.

Between them down the years were schoolboy heroes like double Springbok **Buster Farrer (1954)**, near-Springbok **Hylton Ackerman (1963-65)**, who began playing first team cricket for Dale at age 12, and other legends like fast bowler **Sid (Dumile) Knott (1951)**, and **Gavin Busse (1958-59)**, who was honoured at Reunion last year as a past rugby skipper and in 2000 as a former headboy.

While still at Dale, **William Stephen (Buster) Farrer** played for Border Schools at two Nuffield Week tournaments and was capped for Border at tennis. He made his first-class cricket debut for Border at age 18 while awaiting his matric results. Two years after leaving school he played tennis at Wimbledon.

He is one of only three to have played cricket and hockey for South Africa and only the second double Springbok from Border. He has represented Border at six different sports – cricket, hockey, tennis, squash, golf and table tennis. He captained Border cricket teams in 23 provincial matches.

In 1990 Buster played squash in Britain with an over-50 years South African team. Now he plays bowls.

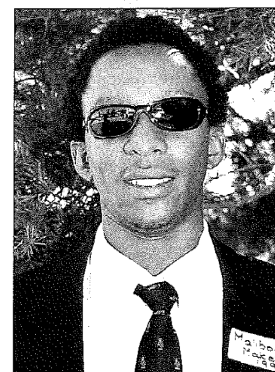
For years the owner of a sports and clothing shop in King William's Town, he now lives at Gonubie and leaves the day-to-day running of the shop largely in the hands of his son Colin and nephew Stephen. He was national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1990.

Springs-born **Hylton Ackerman** was chosen for the politically cancelled Springbok tour of Australia in 1971-72 and played instead for the substitute World XI, scoring 112 on debut in Brisbane. The youngest player to receive an SA Schools cap, he played for this team for five years, including a tour of England. He captained SA Schools for two years.

He first played provincial cricket for Border at 16 and scored a century against the MCC while still at school. He captained Western Province and also represented North Eastern Transvaal and Natal in the Currie Cup. In England he played county cricket for Northamptonshire.



LEGENDS **Buster Farrer** and **Hylton Ackerman** and a Dale cricket pioneer, **Malibongwe Maketa** • Pictures: **RICHARD DOMERIS**, **Photo King**



Harold Whitfield played twice for the Border senior side while still at Dale and scored 123 against Western Province. He topped the batting averages during this time. (See Page 15.)

Gavin Busse is one of only three Daliens who were headboy and captain of cricket and rugby in the same year – a feat never equalled since. He captained Border Schools at both cricket and rugby in the same year and is the most capped Dale rugby player of all time. He is regional manager of a medical supplies firm in East London.

Malibongwe Maketa (1998) was spotted at Dale Junior as a star prospect by English cricket professional coach Roy Palmer. A right-hand batsman and medium-paced bowler, he played for Dale firsts from age 14 in 1995 to 1998, captained Border Schools and played for SA Under 15s in the World Cup in July 1996. He now plays for the Border Bears.

Sid Knott (1951), who farms near Kei Road, played for SA Schools as well as the Border senior side while still at Dale. In 49 matches for Border during 14 seasons he took 194 wickets for 4 190 runs – an average of 21.59. His best bowling feat: Seven for 34. In 89 innings he scored 1 222 runs, including two 50s. His highest score: 79.

Ray Ranger, cricket captain in 1974-75 and rugby captain in 1975, also farms near Kei Road and has chaired the Dale College Hostels Committee. He captained Border Schools and played for the senior Border side while still at Dale and in 29 matches during the next ten years.

Others present who went on to play provincial cricket included 1955 skipper **Athol Hagemann** (Border), **Ian (Jackie) Wainwright (1967-68)** and

Nigel (Bun) Hopley (1973), headmaster of Muir College, Uitenhage, whose father **Carden** (the original Bun) captained Dale in 1939.

Nigel played for Dale firsts for three years and for Border schools for two. He played for four years for UPE and for SA Universities B and Eastern Province B.

Athol Hagemann, a fast medium bowler, played for Dale firsts for three years and captained the 1955 side that won the King William's Town and District senior competition for the fourth successive year.

In 30 matches during 12 seasons for Border he took 86 wickets for 1 770 runs, an average of 20.58. His career best: Nine for 32.

One of the older captains honoured was 76-year-old **Hugh Mackenzie (1944)**, who graduated in civil engineering at UCT and made a lifetime career building roads in the Cape Province.

Other captains who attended included:

Kevin Busse (1956), elder brother of Gavin; **Malcolm Anderson (1953)**, a King William's Town attorney, Old Dalian Union past-president and a member of the Dale Hostels Trust; **Donald Searle (1957)**, vice-captain of Border Schools, now a Gauteng businessman and supporter of Old Dalian and TransDale parents' fund-raising functions, son of Dale Headmaster and provincial cricketer **Russell Searle**; **Bernard O'Hagan (1962)** from Pretoria, who won honours in rugby at Dale, **John Durant (1966)**, **Graham Stapleton (1972)**, a Cape Town surgeon, **David Lawson (1983)**, **Peter Monaghan (1988)** **Rory Kieck (1989)** (see Where Are They Now? page 37), **Bradley Worth (1985)**, **Richard Bennet (1992)**, **Mark Paterson (1993)**, **George Hammond (1994)** and **Mark Wainwright (1995)**.



'NINETIES skippers Richard Bennet (left) and Mark Paterson. Mark was also at the Reunion as headboy of the returning Class of 1993.



VETERANS ... Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg, flanked by past captains Gavin Busse and Buster Farrer.

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... our cricket captains of the past

HAROLD, 85, STILL GOING STRONG

THE OLDEST former Dale cricket captain at the 2003 Reunion was Harold Whitfield (1937), who played for Border as a 17-year-old school-boy. Now 85, his cricketing days are long past but he's still playing golf up to three times a week.

Harold's first game for Border was a friendly against Western Province during the 1936-37 season. Later, after writing his matric, Harold was on tour with the school team at Elliot in the Eastern Cape when he was diverted to De Aar to



OLDEST captain Harold Whitfield as he was at Dale in 1937 and in later years.



join the Border team to play Western Province in Cape Town. There, in his first Currie Cup game, he scored 123, which remained his highest score

in his first class career. He ended the season top of the Border batting averages, (34.7 runs), having scored 278 in eight innings.

His career was interrupted by the Second World War, where Harold served in the Royal Navy as a signalman and later a signals officer, finally with the rank of lieutenant-commander.

While serving in a cruiser, he played cricket in Aden in a Navy side captained by Prince Philip against the RAF. The Prince, who later married the future Queen Elizabeth, was then a midshipman, "Both of us scored centuries, but the field was very small," said Harold.

After the war he returned to Currie Cup cricket for Border until he retired in 1952.

Injured playing wing for the Dale first rugby team, Harold had switched from pace bowling to tossing up googlies. At school he finished his last season second in both the batting and bowling averages, having earlier won the Victor Ludorum award.

He ended his first-class career with a total of 31 wickets at an average of 35.53. In 24 matches for Border he batted for 40 innings and scored 726 runs, including his one century and two 50s.

Harold coached and managed Border cricket sides for four years until 1958 before switching to golf. He played for Border for several years and rose from captain and president of his club to president of the Border Golf Union and finally president of the SA Golf Union in 1986-88. He managed two SA golf tours to Britain, one to Switzerland and one home series against Taiwan.

At best down to a two handicap, Harold is now off a competitive 14. Still "pretty fit", he plays social and club competition golf two or three times a week at the East London Golf Club.

Of the Reunion, he commented: "Unfortunately there were none of my contemporaries present - they must have all passed on."

But he enjoyed chatting to former stars Buster Farrer and Hylton Ackerman, who he recalls used to come home during school holidays with Harold's Dalian son Denis. Another was former Dale skipper Sid Knott, who played for Border while Harold was still around as player, coach and manager. "It was good to see these chaps again."

"A salesman all my life," Harold started his own factory representatives business in East London at age 27 after the war. He retains an interest in Whitfield Agencies, run by his son-in-law, Old Dalian Basil Schwulst (matric class 1968), who played rugby for Dale for four years.

Back after many years

GRAHAM STAPLETON, back for his first Reunion since he captained Dale at cricket in 1972, commented: "It was interesting to see how the school has changed and how it has stayed the same."

"I was very pleased to see that although the demographics of the school have changed greatly, the same values and principles of good, solid Anglo-Saxon education have been retained."

"It is clear to me that the future of Dale is as a high-quality school reflecting the population demographics of the country at large."

Graham is now a medical specialist in hepatic (liver) and pancreatic surgery in Cape Town. He was deputy headboy of Dale in 1972 and played for the first cricket team for two years. He played for the first and second rugby team in his matric year, but missed much of the season after fracturing a rib.

At UCT, he played for the first team as an opening bowler, represented Western Province Colts and was 12th man of the SA Universities B side.

After specialising in general surgery he spent a few years at Groote Schuur and then two more specialising further in Britain.

Graham, who moved up to senior cricket at Dale with Nigel (Bun) Hopley and (later Springbok) Ken Watson said: "It was great seeing Bun again but I was sorry to miss Ken who I believe was there on the Saturday." He spent a lot of time chatting to Hylton Ackerman who he had played with and against in the Western Province Premier League.

• Graham's younger brother Michael came from Canberra, Australia, to join 1973 classmates at the Reunion. (See Pages 18-19.)

BERNARD O'HAGAN (1962 cricket captain and a prefect in his matric year) came back to Dale for the first time since 1965 and was amazed by the changes. "It was an eye-opener," he said.

Of the Reunion, he said: "It was brilliant. We had a great time."

He renewed friendships with former captains like Harold Whitfield (1937) and Hylton Ackerman (1963-65) who played under his captaincy and took over the role from him.

Others included the Busse brothers, Kevin and Gavin, Donald Searle and Johan ("Zulu") Durant. "Harold Whitfield (an old family friend) sold me my first hi-fi in East London," he recalled.

Bernard played for Dale firsts in four sports - cricket (for four years), rugby (two), tennis and athletics. He was awarded honours for rugby, in which he played under HO de Villiers in 1963 and was chosen for Border Schools. The Dale Magazine of that year described O'Hagan as "a (rugby) player of great versatility - on occasion he played scrumhalf, centre and almost any position in the pack with equal facility. Was best as hooker." As a cricketer his fielding was described as "brilliant."

After leaving school Bernard played three rugby games for Border and for the Presidents' XI (a B provincial side) in Pretoria, where he also played first league tennis and bowls and social golf. He is regional manager of three liquor companies in Pretoria.

At the Reunion he, Laurie and Roger Beadon (1973 and 1980) donated their Dale colours blazers to the Old Dalian Union and they now hang in the President's Room. Roger, who lives in Vorna Valley, Gauteng, won his for swimming and Laurie for athletics. Roger is technical compliance manager for a gaming company.

IT WAS THE MORNING AFTER ... the morning after the Old Dalian induction dinner and a few other Reunion "thrashes" that went on late. But that didn't deter 90 Old Dalians and others from turning out to a 7 am breakfast, the first of its kind at a Reunion.

They were not disappointed. Without a note, Dale cricket legend Hylton Ackerman entertained the audience for 40 minutes with rapid-fire anecdotes of his days at Dale and on cricket fields at home and abroad.

Ackie, who played for Dale firsts from the age of 12 and later captained the team ... and SA Schools, became "the Springbok who never was". He was chosen for the SA tour of Australia in 1971-72, but the series was called off for political reasons. After a long cricketing career as a player, coach and selector he is now a lively TV and radio commentator.

Among the breakfast gathering at King William's Town's Grosvenor Lodge were past Dale cricketers, including luminaries like Buster Farrer, a Springbok at cricket and hockey, Ray Ranger, a former Border cricket captain, and Sid Knott, an ex-Border fast bowler and one of three Old Dalians to serve two terms as ODU national president.

There was also former Border rugby star Chow Bissell, who Ackie recalled, once climbed the Roman Catholic Church steeple.

Introducing the guest speaker, Sid said Ackie (who like Chow Bissell and John Page, was an "academic disaster" at Dale) would have been one of the stars of the aborted tour.

Reminiscing about his schooldays, Hylton claimed two "world firsts" for Dale: Cricket's reverse sweep and rugby's dummy pass.

"The first dummy pass was thrown at HO de Villiers by John Page in a game called 'fly.' (Queenians, who gave Dummy Taylor his nickname decades back, would challenge this but who cares?)

The reverse sweep, we were assured, was invented at Dale in 1961 by Charlie Raw and Mick Bissell, years before it was developed by a Pakistani. (Raw, Ackie told me later, was a Transkei boy who could bat and throw both right and left handed.)

Paying tribute to the legendary Dale cricket coach Percy Davis, Hylton said: "What he did for me and Dale I could never give back. Percy stands out above the lot."

Hylton said he went to Dale in Std 4 and left "a long time later." It was time to go, Chow Bissell said, when you fancy the teachers at KHS, not the girls.

• On the Friday, Ackie told the opening Reunion Assembly: "I was at Dale so long that in Std 9 the staff tried to give me my Old Dalian blazer."

The 'academic disaster' who became a legend

ACKIE turns back the clock



HYLTON ACKERMAN ... anecdotes at breakfast on the 'morning after'

• **Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King**

FACT FILE:

SINCE his playing days Hylton Ackerman has been a South African and Western Province selector and coached Province and Boland. He was head coach at the SA Cricket Academy for nine years and also coached the South African A side that toured the West Indies and the SA Under 19 side that toured Australia and lost to the hosts in the final. He now earns a living as a TV and radio commentator.

HERE are some of the stories Hylton Ackerman told at the breakfast:

• The strongest guy at Dale came from Peddie - "He could squeeze an elephant's tusk so that milk came out."

• How Headmaster Billy Rowles asked him which Dalians smoked. "I said if I did you'd never have a first rugby team. I told him you're just a figurehead - the prefects run the school."

• How years after the matric dance a Convent sister told him: "You were the chap who asked me to dance."

Some of Ackie's cricket tales which got the biggest laughs had a familiar ring but they are worth re-telling.

• How after the cancelled SA-Aussie tour he and (Old Queenian) Tony Greig were met at Adelaide airport by a short man who invited them for a cup of tea.

"Would you mind carrying my bags while I go to the toilet?" Ackerman asked the little chap. Over a cup of tea, Greig asked the bag-carrier: "Have you anything to do with cricket in Australia?" "Yes, the name's Bradman," the great man replied.

Years later Ackie received a letter from The Don saying many people had carried his bags and "he was glad to carry mine."

• The first ball shown on colour TV was bowled by Fred Truman to Northants opening batsman Colin Milburn, who had had a night out at the pub. After facing the second ball Milburn was sick on the pitch.

"Something strange has happened" said famous commentator John Arlott. "And it's all in colour!"

• Famous cricket umpire David Shepherd (still standing behind the stumps today) when asked about South African cricketers, told Hylton: "Some of them are not too bright. This fellow Pringle asked me how many balls he had bowled. I said 'you've bowled three and he said how many have I got left? (Meryck Pringle began his schooling at Dale Junior but went on to Kingswood.)

• When SA-born England Test cricketer Alan Lamb landed in court. Sentenced to 30 days or R30 he said: "I'll take the money."

• Once, when attending a function with footballers Bobby and Jack Charlton and rugby star Phil Bennett, Hylton was asked where he came from. "King William's Town," he said, "somewhere between Stutterheim and Berlin." He was introduced as coming from "somewhere in Germany."

• **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Not a bad speech for a guy who came last in English and was told by a teacher: "You're the worst student we've ever had at Dale!"

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We said we wouldn't look back – but we did ... and it was good!

*"We mustn't look back.
No, we mustn't look back.
Whatever our memories are,
We mustn't say these were our
happiest days
But our happiest days so far.*

*So if I start looking behind me
And begin retracing my track,
I'll remind you to remind me
We said we wouldn't look back."*

"We said we wouldn't look back" – from the 1983 Dale musical production "Salad Days", produced by the late Errol Hort.



REUNION ASSEMBLY (back row from left): Tim Hartsliel, Dean Dusterhoft, Craig Coyle-Maybery (1984), Duncan Edwards, Butch Wiggett (teacher), Dave Lawson, Gary Webb, Douglas Prior, Glen Coyle-Maybery, Gavin Roux. Front: Paul du Preez, Wynand Serfontein, Stuart Sutton, Marius Garbers (teacher), Gary Hindman, Craig McDonald, Justin Ladner.

• Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

By STUART SUTTON

AND so it was that I left Dale in 1983, with the words of that song ringing in my ears – resolute not to cling to the past, to the wonderful memories of my years at Dale – determined to live for the future.

But 20 years on, it was wonderful to indulge my nostalgia one more time and join a few classmates in taking a little look back.

Perhaps the thing that struck me most, was how little everyone had changed. Sure, the waistlines had gone out a little and there were a couple of candidates for Advanced Hair Studio!

But it was uncanny how each returning classmate was pretty much as I remembered him! It was kind of creepy renewing our associations, because we picked up as if we had simply been away for our mid-term break!

So little had changed:

- Michael Beckley was still capable of raising the roof in the Castle Pub with his war cry of "AAAAIIIII Gibbli-I-O!" (or is it "Dibbili-I-O?") and "Ballekie-bal-bal!" (I never did know how these were spelt!)
- Billy Barrow was still the "strong silent" type that appealed to the fairer sex in the '80s.
- The irrepressible Arthur Grobbelaar, still capable of clowning around. He arrived wearing a set of ugly fake false teeth – deformed and half rotting – which made him look like a wine-soaked boemelaar! He had a couple of us going for a second, guessing what he'd been up to for the last 20 years!
- Brendon ("Cabbage") Thompson still in the cabbage business – now not farming them but retailing them.
- Gary Webb – still ducking off for a game of squash after lunch!
- Gary Hindman – still the friendly, considerate gent he was when we left school.



KINGS OF THE CASTLE

From left:
Gavin Roux,
Craig McDonald,
Michael Beckley,
Craig Clarke
(1995),
Justin Ladner

• Justin Ladner – still larger than life – one of the few Old Dalians who can dwarf Harry Voerman! Justin endeared himself to the Eastern Cape wives at the after-match function on Reunion Saturday, by showing that he, too, can sakkie-sakkie like the best of them.

• Teacher Butch Wiggett still running fit around the sports fields (the last remaining staff member!). It was a stark reminder to us when Butch told us his daughter Storm, born at Presby in our Std 9 or 10 year, was at university now!

Others, among the 21 who made the weekend, included Duncan Edwards, Paul du Preez, Serf Serfontein, Dean Dusterhoft, Gary Norman, Tim Hartsliel, Craig McDonald, Glen Coyle-Maybery, Ashley Weyer, David (Bags) Lawson (also back as one of the past cricket captains), Doug Prior, Dave Russell and Gavin Roux.

Though we didn't make an effort to track down former staff members, we did manage to get hold of Afrikaans teacher Marius Garbers and were delighted that he and his wife took

'Don't Sleep on the Grass'

• Arriving at Dale after 20 years, one would have a subtle indication that things have changed at the school when one drove through the school gates to be greeted by a sign on the lawn reading: "Keep off the grass/Sanukumlala kulengca."

Yet the more things change, the more they stay the same. I was pleased at how little had in fact changed and how much of the spirit, tradition and standards were still as strong as ever. – STUART SUTTON (matric class, 1983)

• The Xhosa version, in fact, means, "Don't sleep on the grass", a Xhosa speaking staff member confirms.

the trouble to fly down from Pretoria to join us. Marius, now running his own ad agency, seemed to have held the pause button on his age a little better than the rest of us!

Many great stories were recalled over the weekend. One of my favourites was recounted while I was having a drink with the Maybery brothers, Craig and Glen, at the Castle Pub (formerly the basement of Sutton House).

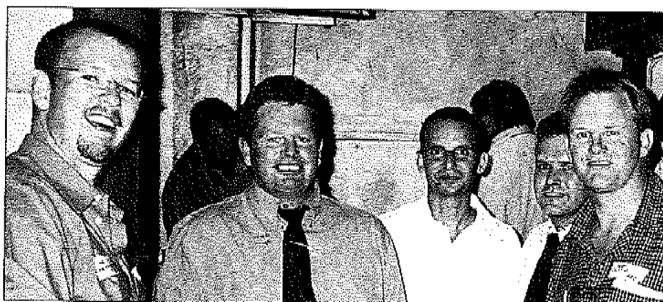
A long-time contemporary recalled the "Fight of all Fights" which the two brothers had in the Sutton House courtyard in their Std 5 year. Craig had the brute strength of a Mike Tyson while Glen had the finesse of a Sugar Ray Leonard! Apparently the blood was knee deep! I was glad to see that time heals these things!

But before we knew it, the weekend was over and we were snapped back into reality mode. Back to the future.

We said we wouldn't look back! But hell, when we did, it was good!

IN THE OLD SUTTON CELLAR

From left:
Wynand Serfontein,
Duncan Edwards,
Paul du Preez,
Gary Hindman,
Stuart Sutton



AGAIN! Billy Rowles is back with his boys



ASSEMBLY: Last year it was with the Class of 1972, this year former Headmaster Billy Rowles was with his '73s. Back row (left to right) Michael Stapleton, Bruce Dovey, Peter Clayton, Anthony Els, Bryan Broekman, Roland Boucher, Willie Wales, Greg Christelis. Middle: Neville Schenk, Glenn Tharratt, Leon Seeber, Peter Hartley, Hugh Norman, Ted Warren, Mark Rose-Innes, Deon Odendaal. Front: Nigel (Bun) Hopley, John Middleton, Bob Rayment, Billy Rowles, Laurence Beadon, Rob (Dollos) Wainwright, Neville Cragg, Brian Crossman, Gordon McCune.
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FOND MEMORIES stretching back 30 or more years were exchanged when 31 members of the matric class of 1973 returned to Dale College for the Reunion weekend.

Mike Stapleton flew in from Australia and Greg Christelis from Namibia. Five came from Johannesburg, two from KwaZulu-Natal, four from the Western and Central Cape, two from the Eastern Province and 14 from the Border.

Fellowship and nostalgia were the keynotes. "Those unable to attend missed a fantastic weekend," said Gordon McCune, a King William's Town attorney who tracked down his classmates and organised the get-together.

About 30 class members arrived in time for a Thursday evening dinner at the King Club. "Much fellowship was enjoyed by all," says Gordon. "It was interesting to see the guesswork and stretching of memories that went into attempts to recognise old schoolmates. The evening turned out to be a great success."

Grant Turnbull, national president of the Old Dalian Union, and PRO Jack Rosenberg joined the gathering during the evening.

After the opening on Friday morning former Headmaster Billy Rowles took his customary seat in the middle of the front row for a 2003 picture of the Class of 1973.

The fellowship continued at lunch after-

wards at the King Club until fairly late in the afternoon. That evening some went to the induction dinner, while others continued to catch up on old times elsewhere.

Saturday was spent watching rugby, but there was no fairy-tale Reunion first-team result against Selborne. Later the '73s continued catching up on lost time under the Athlone Courts marquee. After the Memorial Service on Sunday those still around headed for home.

"It was a very successful weekend. Many an old friendship was renewed and acquaintances remade," commented Gordon McCune. "A fair number of those who attended were returning to Dale for the first time since leaving school."

Dale puts most Aussie state schools in the shade

IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME PARTY – the 1973 Matric Class dinner at the King Club over the 2003 Reunion weekend. Here three Old Dalians of that era describe their memorable get-together with old mates and their impressions of Dale 2003.

• **MICHAEL STAPLETON** of Canberra, Australia, combined the Reunion with a trip to South Africa to his parents. He writes: MY VISIT was largely a result of constant encouragement (harassment) from my old schoolmate, Gordon McCune.

The highlight for me was the first night at the King Club. There was a huge nostalgia buzz, trying to put names to schoolmates with increased girth and decreased hair on top. It was a great night.

It was great catching up with former close school friends, especially Gordon, Rob Rogers (Class of '74) and Brian Crossman. (Gordon, Rob, Brian's cousin Mark and I had a joint 21st birthday party at the same King Club back in 1977.)

It was good to see (former headmaster) Billy Rowles again. He is, and will always be to me a wonderfully dignified person. It was great meeting old mates. Thanks to all the organisers and especially to Gordon for the fine time I had.

I enjoyed also seeing friends from other years through the weekend, but was less enthusiastic about the formal events. Besides Hylton Ackerman's breakfast speech, the rest were not very inspiring and too long.

The school remains a very proud institution and puts most Aussie Government schools to shame. Discipline and pride in the school remains much as it was when I was there.

Culturally there has been an obvious improvement. The singing of the Choir at Reunion was beautiful and would never have

BUT AFTER 15 YEARS, I BACK THE WALLABIES

MICHAEL STAPLETON is a surveyor and town planner working for an American-based company, Earth Tech, in Canberra. He left South Africa with his wife Luanne in 1988 largely, he says, "as a result of the security situation in South Africa and also because we were offered a relatively stress-free migration opportunity in Australia."

They spent six months in Sydney, then moved to the Southern Highlands. The town of Bowral (Bradman's former home town) is the main town in the district. About four years later they moved back to Sydney, then, three years ago, to the country's capital, Canberra.

"A city somewhat similar in size to Maritzburg, it is a great place to bring up children," says Mike. He and Luanne have three – Amy, 13, in her first year of high school, Sarah, nine, and Craig, seven, and into his second year of rugby.

"In another 15 or so years he will terrorise the

teams from South Africa!" he says.

Mike met Luanne while working for Escom in Johannesburg around 1980. They married in 1982 and moved to East London for five years.

"My last Reunion visit would have been during our time in East London.

"I am a 'dinkum' Aussie, having taken out citizenship in 1990. I am an ardent supporter of the Brumbies in the Super 12 and 100 per cent behind the Wallabies for the World Cup!"

• At Dale Michael was awarded a trophy for "The best all-round scholar and sportsman in Std 10". He won half colours at cricket and rugby, was a college prefect and came fourth in Std 10A.

He comments: "I was pretty chuffed to make the first team at 17. I was also about No. 6 in squash and almost drowned representing Day-boys in the inter-house swimming gala!"

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been achieved in 1973 when music was definitely not the "in thing".

Obviously 1973 was in the pre-Mandela years and Dale was a "white" school. It is great to see the students interacting without the prejudices we had and possibly still have.

This mix will not only have made Dale a more diverse and culturally rich institution, but the widening of the field to all students has provided Dale with a wonderful amount of available talent in all fields.

The results of this have been evident from the success of some of its Old Boys in various fields.

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• Dux Medallist Andrew Sieborger topped the 10A class in 1973 followed by Paul O'Neill, Mark Painter and Michael Stapleton. Certificates of honour went to Bryan Broekman, Peter Haselau, N Marinus and Glenn Tharratt.
 • Ainslie Boswell was first in Std 10B and C followed by A (Tony) Kietzmann.

MEMBERS of the Class of 1973 who attended the 2003 Reunion included:

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA: Mike Stapleton. WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA: Greg Christelis.

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN: Roland Boucher, Bruce Dovey, Gordon McCune, Dion Odendaal, Neville Schenk and Glen Tharratt.

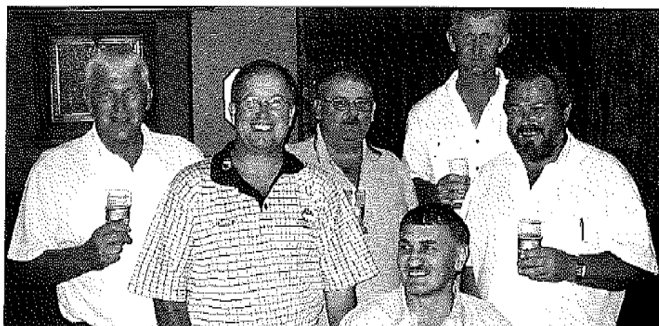
EAST LONDON: Mark Painter, Bob Rayment, Mark Rose-Innes, Leon Seeber and Rob (Dollos) Wainwright. STUTTERHEIM: Terrence Bartlett, Peter Hartley and Ted Warren. KOMGA: Wyndham Cloete. GONUBIE: Anthony Els.

PORT ELIZABETH: Gary Twissell. UITENHAGE: Nigel (Bun) Hopley.

JOHANNESBURG: Brian Broekman, Peter Clayton, Brian Crossman, John Middleton and Willie Wales.

CAPE TOWN: Neville Cragg. PAARL: Anthony Cross. KNYSNA: Robert Gordon and Ian Furstenburg.

KWAZULU-NATAL: Laurence Beadon and Hugh Norman.



AT THE KING CLUB (from left): Bob Rayment, Nigel (Bun) Hopley, Neville Shenk, Roley Boucher (in front), Peter Hartley (at back), Ted Warren



JOKER Willie Wales ("He missed his vocation"), Brian Crossman, Ian Furstenburg and Wyndham Cloete

The spirit has not changed at Dale in 30 years

• **JOHN MIDDLETON** of Johannesburg, back on his first Reunion visit since 1974 – the year after he left Dale, writes:

MY highlight was meeting old friends at the King Club, most of whom I had not seen since leaving school. After 30 years most of us were carrying a bit more weight. But the amazing thing is that one's body language doesn't change even if one's looks do.

Trying to recognise people unaided was tricky. But once you were given the name, the face came straight back into focus.

The guy who had changed the least was Willie Wales. He kept us in fits of laughter late into the night. He missed his vocation as a stand-up comedian. It really was a great evening.

I was thrilled at the good turnout from our matric year, including a number of former prefects. The fact that Michael Stapleton came from Australia was a thrill.

Greg Christelis of Namibia and I spent many good hours together catching up and also with Laurence Beadon and Bryan Broekman. The crazy thing is that Bryan and I both live in Jo'burg and haven't met for 25 years.

The beautiful condition of the school and grounds impressed me as did the perfect manners of the current Dalians. It was wonderful to see that the spirit of the school had not changed in 30 years and that, if anything, it now embraced our wonderful "New South Africa".

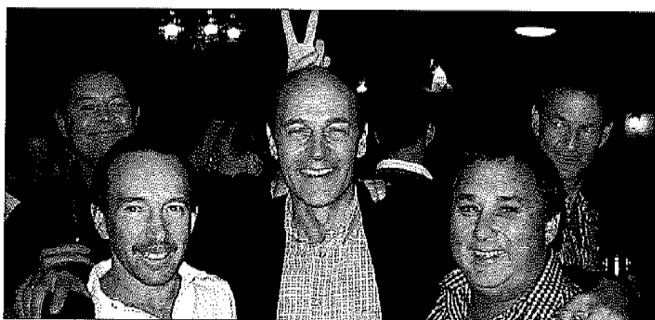
I chatted to Billy Rowles at the Assembly and after the Memorial Service. He suggested that Ted Warren and I meet him in his office for a dose of traditional punishment. He has an incredible memory considering how many boys he must have known over the years.

We bumped into (ex-teacher) Adri Leurs at the party in the big tent after the rugby and relived some old classroom battles.

I really did enjoy the Reunion. There were no disappointments, other than to hear that the school has many financial challenges. It is truly a role-model school for the development of future

OVER FROM CANBERRA:

"Dinkum Aussie" Michael Stapleton (right) with Dion Odendaal (back) and John Middleton



STILL AT THE CLUB

(from left): Willie Wales, Anthony Cross, Greg Christelis, Gordon McCune, Hugh Norman

leaders of our country and deserves to prosper. • John and his wife Heather, who live in Paulshof, Sandton, have an 18-year-old son Andrew, now studying for a Business Science degree at UCT.

★ **JOHN MIDDLETON** is managing director of ASSA ABLOY South Africa, manufacturers and distributors of Union, Yale and Escal locks and door hardware. Based in Roodepoort, Gauteng, he is also responsible for the firm's business development throughout Africa.

John qualified as a mechanical engineer after leaving Dale and worked in this field for several years. After completing an MBA degree, he decided that sales was "more fun" and crossed

the floor from production. He became sales and marketing director and progressed to his present role in general management. During a break from the lock industry John spent five years with Pilkington Tiles, four of them as MD.

He travels a lot in his work, not only in Africa, but also to the United States, Sweden, Finland, France, Germany, Rumania, Australia, Britain and Brazil.

• At Dale John won a prize for being "the boy who best exemplifies the motto 'We Serve'". He was also a member of the athletics team, the photographic society committee and chairman of the scientific society committee.

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WHAT A PLEASURE TO SEE BILLY ROWLES AGAIN

• **GREG CHRISTELIS** of Windhoek, Namibia, writes:

THE highlight for me was stepping into the club and meeting old classmates I hadn't seen in 30 years. Some I could recognise and others not. Some I'd seen once or twice shortly after leaving school.

We were all particularly pleased to see one another. I thought the turnout of the '73 class was good and thanks go to Gordon McCune, who had worked hard in getting all together.

Walking around the school grounds and

sports fields brought back pleasant memories. I was touched to see (the transformed) Sutton House, where I spent my last year.

The school has been particularly well maintained after 30 years. It was sad to see the older hostels that had been closed down.

I was particularly pleased to see Billy Rowles and surprised to see how quickly he could place me. It was good talking to Adri Leurs, who also taught in my time, during the Saturday evening at the braai. All in all a great time and well worth the time and effort to attend.

GREG CHRISTELIS, 1973 headboy of Sutton House and college prefect, is today deputy director of the Geohydrological Division in Namibia's Water Affairs Department.

Formerly of Germiston, he has lived in Namibia since being sent there for mining exploration after graduating in geology at Natal University, and a post-graduate degree at Rhodes.

As Greg puts it, "the bush life did not go too well" and he joined Water Affairs and later the Geological Survey. Thoughts of returning to SA vanished after he met and married Heide-Rose, a

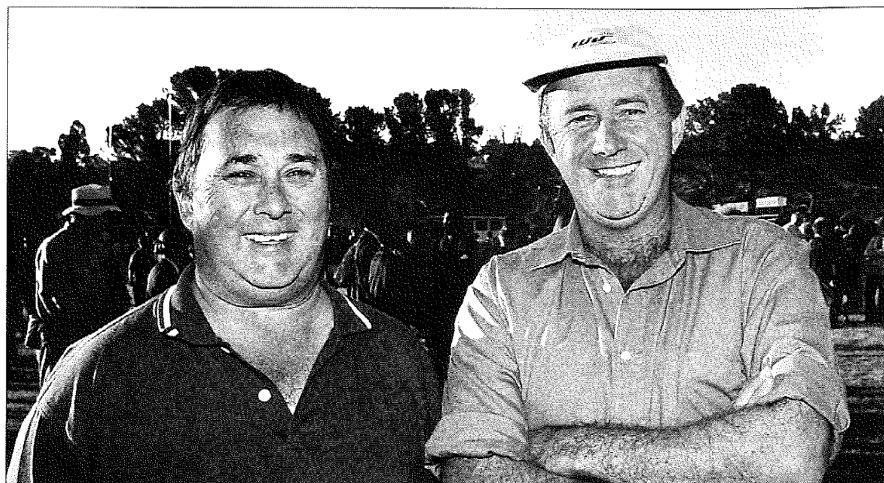
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GORDON (left and IAN McCUNE at Reunion ... brotherly bond

• Picture: **RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King**

Decades on, Dale's kidney

brothers are still going strong



By JOE SUTTON

TWENTY-THREE years after receiving a life-saving kidney from his elder brother, Ian McCune says: "I am reasonably fit and active." His brother Gordon says: "I am fit, fat and healthy."

Ian, now 43, lives in Komga where he runs a packaging business with another brother Neil. Gordon is a King William's Town attorney and chairman of the Dale Junior Governing Body. All three brothers are Old Dalians.

The moving story of the "kidney swap" which followed Ian's battle to survive on a dialysis machine was told in TransDale in 1991.

Ian was 17 when the Dale Family rallied round to support the frail Std 9 boy suffering from kidney failure. Headmaster Billy Rowles started a fund to buy the dialysis machine. Donations poured in from the Border, from Queen's College (where he had earlier spent two years) and from Old Dalians all over the country.

Despite spending weeks away from school and the strain of the dialysis machine Ian kept studying and matriculated in 1979.

But months later it became necessary to find a donor for a transplant operation. Ian's entire family wanted to donate a kidney and tests showed that Gordon was the best candidate.

Time has shown that the operation, on June 26, 1980, was a success.

After recovering from the operation Ian studied horticulture and bought a garden service in King William's Town. He met and married Valerie Gowar, a Somerset East girl teaching at Kaffrarian High School.

In 1996 he sold his business and joined his brother Neil in Komga Packaging. They bulk-buy grain products (rice, maize, sugar beans, peas etc) and repack them into packets ranging from 200 g, to 10 kg. They also make maize and sorghum malt for the traditional beer market and recently opened a small mill to produce samp.

Ian finds Komga "a place where friends care about you ... It has a country charm where the pace of life is not as hectic as in a

city. It still has an active social life."

He and Valerie have two children, Emma, aged three, and Christopher, 18 months. Valerie, who taught history at KHS for ten years, now works from home, writing history educational material for teachers and students.

Ian will remain on medication for the rest of his life and goes for regular check-ups. In King William's Town, some years after his operation, he played third-league hockey and social squash. But today, although reasonably fit, he no longer plays sport.

Looking back on his ordeal as a teenager and his remarkable recovery, Ian says: "My illness is one of those things that happen in life. You have to get through the problem and get on with life. It helps to have supportive people around you, as I had at the time, the Dale Family, the King community, my family and a lot of people throughout the country.

"For the immediate future developing our business in Komga is important and spending quality time with my family is of paramount importance."

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local German girl. He rejoined Water Affairs and has been there ever since.

Greg and Heide have three daughters and a son. Two of the children, Desiree and Christian, are at Stellenbosch University and Annette and Carina are still at school. The family are bilingual: Heide speaks German to the children; Greg speaks English to them and to Heide. "My German is not too bad nowadays," he says.

"Windhoek is a good small city to live in. It is noted for its cleanliness and Namibia for its wide open spaces. We're happy here although the younger folk complain that it is a boring place as it does not offer much for the young.

"Any Old Dalian is welcome to drop by - we're the only Christelis in the country."

• In his matric year at Dale, Greg won half colours and the Under 17 trophy for athletics, the geography prize and a prize for perseverance in sport. "It was a great year", he said.

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'An experience few others have shared'

AT 47, Gordon McCune (matric class 1973) says he has had no ill-effects from the operation in 1980 when he gave a kidney to his critically ill brother Ian.

But though he describes himself as "fit, fat and healthy," he concedes: "I am not as fit as I should be." He still plays squash fairly regularly in the King William's Town league, but only social cricket. Twenty years ago he was playing first-league cricket for Pirates.

Looking back on his life-saving gift to Ian, he says he has always felt great satisfaction in having been able to help.

"At the time I had no hesitation and I have no regrets now. Donating the kidney has not affected my life in any way.

"My relationship with Ian is very much the same as with my other brother Neil (matric class 1975). It has, however, brought us closer together as we are able to share an experience that not many other people have shared."

Gordon and his wife Toets (née Tarr), a KHS old girl (1979) have two children, Kirsten, aged 15, in Grade 9 at KHS, and Craig, 12, in

Grade 6 at Dale Junior.

As a practising attorney, Gordon deals mainly in High Court litigation. He is a partner of Smith Tabata Inc, which has branches in King William's Town and East London.

In May his practice opened an office in Johannesburg in a black empowerment company with a Johannesburg firm (Ramsay Webber) and a Cape Town firm (Buchanan Boyes).

The new Johannesburg firm is known as Smith Tabata Ramsay Webber Buchanan Boyes Inc. Gordon's partners include fellow Old Dalians Stuart Boucher (matric class 1966), Jonathan Clark (1968), Russell Linde, (1978) and Justin Laing (1988).

Two further partners, Dudley van Heerden and Dumisani Tabata, have served on the Dale College and Dale Junior Governing Bodies respectively. Gordon is chairman of the Dale Junior Governing Body.

Another Old Dalian, Martin Sheard (1974), is a partner in the Cape Town firm linking up with the Johannesburg company.

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THE COURAGE OF JOHN GOUVERNEUR

At 74, he faces a new threat to his health



EARLY BIRDS: John Gouverneur and his nurse, Ann Bester, wait alone in the Hallowed Courtyard for the start of the Reunion Assembly
• Pictures: **RICHARD DOMERIS**, Photo King, and **JAMES HAUPT**



THANKS, JOHN! Dale Junior parent Diane Smith wishes him well at his traditional Reunion lunch after the Memorial Service

By **JOE SUTTON**

GET WELL SOON, JOHN! HANG IN THERE!

That's the message of Old Dalians throughout South Africa to embattled John Gouverneur as he faces a new challenge after losing half his RIGHT leg after a five-month ordeal in hospital. Now it's "one down and one to play" as infection caused by a rare blood disorder threatens his LEFT leg.

A bachelor and former woolbuyer, 74-year-old John is one of Dale's most generous benefactors. He has already contributed to a number of school facilities and is establishing a school trust fund.

When I met wheelchair-bound John in Durban late in July he was preparing to receive an artificial limb – a flexible plastic prosthesis – for his right leg, amputated below the knee in October 2002.

But he was then visiting a hospital three or four times a week to have the infected big toe of his left leg nursed and dressed. He was taking pain killers.

The disorder from which John suffers is known as Waldenstrom after a Swedish doctor who discovered it in 1944. Any wound he receives in a limb can result in a complicated infection. Waldenstrom, which only arrives at the age of 55 to 60, is not contagious and not hereditary.

The first indication of his illness occurred in 2001 through a blood test in France, but he suffered no problem at the time.

Infection occurred for the first time later that year after he scratched his left leg in bed while visiting Portugal. It was cured after five skin grafts but in July this year a blister on his big toe immediately turned septic.

Faced with the possibility that his ordeal could happen all over again, he told me: "Yes,



REUNION DINNER: John, Ann Bester, Cruncher Wilmot and Dale Junior parent Lesley MacKay in jovial mood

that's what I am petrified of happening."

The trouble in his right big toe began in July 2002 after an ingrown toenail was cut by a nurse. Infection set in and for five months John was shuttled between St Augustine's Hospital in Durban and the Umhlanga Hospital. First the big toe was removed, then the other four toes, then the ankle and finally the leg below the knee.

For nearly 16 months John has hired sisters or nurses from a nursing services agency. In May this year a nursing sister, Ann Bester, drove him in his car down to King William's Town and back, wheeled him around the Dale campus and cared for him over the weekend.

"It cost me an arm and a leg," he remarked, with a touch of unconscious humour, "but I loved every minute of my Reunion."

From the Thursday night reception at Dale Junior and the opening Assembly to the induc-

tion dinner and the final Memorial Service they attended every official function. At the Old Dalian AGM John was elected to the union's executive committee.

After the Sunday service John hosted his traditional luncheon for 56 invited guests from the Dale Family. For many it was a moving occasion.

"It was fantastic," said John. "I was deeply touched by the help, friendship and respect I received from all – the headmasters, teachers, the ladies, friends and schoolboys – over the weekend."

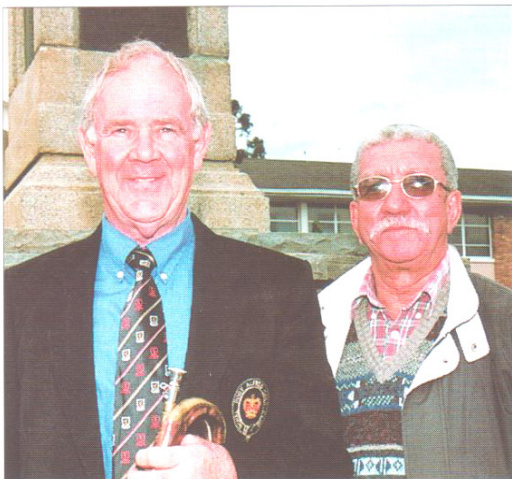
Back home John is being well looked after from 6.45 am to 6 pm daily by Christa Buchanan, a married 40-something nurse with two grown-up daughters. "She has a heart of gold," says John. "She drives me around, she wheels me around, she is my aide-de-camp, companion and friend."

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ENCORE! Charles Castle, a bugler at Dale 41 years ago, came back to the college again this year to sound the Last Post and the Reveille at the Memorial Service. Last year he played the traditional call in a spontaneous, unscheduled performance after the service. This year he did so officially. Charles's uncle, also Charles Castle, was killed in the Second World War and his name appears among the fallen on the War Memorial.



A name that's stood the test of time

Charles Castle meets "Charles Glass," the nickname of Charles Alexander, the groundsman at Dale College. Charles Castle is holding the century-old British regimental bugle he bought in an antique shop. It is part of a large collection of old bugles he keeps at his home in Alphen Park, Benoni. Charles (matric class 1962) is an open-cast mining contractor.



VETERAN former Dale cricket captains at the opening Reunion Assembly. From left: Sid Knott (1951), Hugh Mackenzie (1944) and Athol Hagemann (1955). Seated behind them are Old Dalians Ted Warren and Mike Daniel.

President the fan



ENCORE! Back for a second term as Old Dalia their children, Danica (le



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dent Paul – family man



Old Dalian national president, Paul Smit with his wife Rose and Monica (left), 8, Simeon, 2, and Alison, 11



President and his lady share a serious moment on the Reunion opening day

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INSFIELD



HOPE OF THE FUTURE ... Dale Junior Grades One and Two boys square up in Reunion rugby match. Handling the ball is Andrew Luggya. Among those surrounding him are Shane (Big Boy) van Heerden, Kevin Warkus, Haydn Hayidakis, B McIntyre and Kaylin Govender



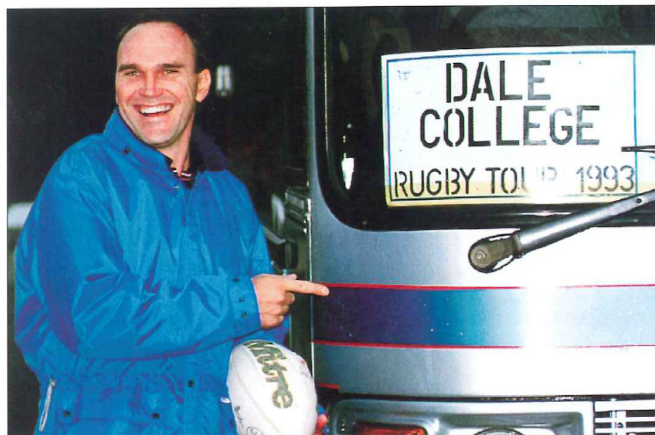
NO ONE TO TOUCH HIM ... Kaylin Govender, known to his schoolmates as I heads for the tryline in a Dale Junior Grades One and Two rugby match



ABOVE: Dalian Junior Mayor Ryan Od daal carries a wreath in the college assembly hall where the Memorial Service was held this year. On his right Student Officer Ricky Stone.

LEFT: Student Officer Brett Fyfer Kempton Park, Gauteng, stands guard Old Dalian national president Pastor P Smit (on stage) conducts the Memorial Service

What a difference a decade makes



1993: Rugby coach Deon Boshoff in a flashback to the 1993 tour of England and Wales, when Dale won all five matches to maintain their season's unbeaten record.

• Picture: ROB HENSEN



2003: Deon Boshoff (centre) meets his first-teeners (from left) Mark Paterson, Justin Corrans and Mark Petzer (right) with cricketer Shane Bridger (second from right).

• Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

• **THEY** came, they saw, they partied ... they "jollied" under the big tent.

The matric Class of 1993 were honoured guests at the 2003 Dale Reunion. Ten years after leaving school, they took the field again - for touch rugby.

Their former coach and senior teacher Deon Boshoff welcomed them at the Assembly, joined them for lunch and was there again at the after-match bash in the big tent at the Athlone tennis courts.

POPULAR Deon Boshoff, who coached successful first teams during the "Golden Age of Dale Rugby," came back to the college at Reunion to welcome more than 20 members of the Class of '93.

Ex-coach Deon recalls glory year of Dale rugby

Among them were nine players in his unbeaten 1993 First XV. Four of them were in Dale's "Super Ten" in the Border Craven Week side, pictured with Deon on the cover of the Old Dalian Centenary Heron magazine.

The nine included captain Grant Griffith, vice-captain Justin Corrans, Sean Sharp, Warren Spring, Mark Paterson, Mark Francies, Michael Nel, Barry Hayidakis and Alexander Smith.

During the season the team played 17

matches and won 17. None lost. None drawn. They scored 696 points in a season, 126 more than the record set in 1992 after 21 matches. (The record was broken after the 13th match.) They beat Queen's and Selborne twice and trounced Grey College, Bloemfontein, arguably the best rugby-playing school in the country.

At the end of the season the team toured England and Wales and remained unbeaten in five games. The final tally was: Played 22, won 22. Points for 883, against 125.

Deon, a head of department at Dale, now teaches at St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, after a spell at Kearsney College, KwaZulu-Natal. He taught at Dale from 1987

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'You've just got to carry on'

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John regards her as the best nurse he has ever had. "She's an expert in looking after elderly people but at times I drive her around the bend!"

Confined to his wheelchair in Durban, he misses travelling in South Africa and abroad and watching Dale play rugby. The Reunion game against Selborne was the only one he attended this season.

But John displays an attitude of stoic acceptance of the present and quiet confidence about the future. "You've just got to carry on - you have to get on with it," he says.

He has been inspired by reading "Reach for the Sky," the story of Douglas Bader, the legless Battle of Britain ace pilot - a "very special character, much to be admired."

John Gouverneur lives for every day and is determined to survive. "I want to resume seeing Dale and travelling down the coast and overseas," he says.

I CALL THIS COURAGE.

• Where did John get his nickname "Spanky?" He explains: "At East London's De la Salle College (before going to Dale) I was always in trouble ... kicked out of history and Afrikaans classes. Remember the American movies, 'Our Gang'? The last one was called 'Spanky' - always in trouble!"

WHY JOHN G. BACKS DALE

JOHN GOUVERNEUR'S financial and moral support of Dale College and Dale Junior is an example to Old Dalians. Why does he do it?

"For more than 30 years I was a bachelor who sadly ignored Dale," he says. "When I retired prematurely in June 1983 I suddenly found I had time on my hands. I went to the Old Dalian Reunion and enjoyed it so much I have not missed one since."

"I've enjoyed my (business) success and feel Dale had something to do with this. A bachelor who has been successful should return some of the credit to Dale. I appeal to successful Old Dalians never to forget their time there which has probably played a great part in their success."

"For me it is 'pay back time.' I get a warm thrill every time I am able to do something for Dale College and Dale Junior and hope that my health will allow me to carry this on."

• The John Gouverneur Dale College Educational Trust Fund is intended primarily for bursaries - 60 per cent for the college and 40 per cent for Dale Junior. "It has been delayed because we want to be quite sure that it is fully acceptable to the SA Revenue Service," says John.

QUOTE

• I bless all our teachers and our two headmasters at Dale who run this noble institution with such honour and duty in this wonderful South Africa.
- JOHN GOUVERNEUR

The true grit of a great Old Dalian

HEADMASTER James Haupt has praised John Gouverneur's "true grit" in his brave fight against adversity and wished him a speedy recovery.

Describing him as "a great Old Dalian," the Headmaster said John had been one of the college's "staunchest supporters in both good times and difficult times."

He added: "The staff and I were deeply distressed when we heard of the terrible problems John was experiencing with his legs. We wish to express our support for John as he faces this challenging time in his life."

"We are touched by the resilience John has shown and the manner in which he has faced adversity and fought bravely. John is displaying the true grit we expect from all our Dalians."

Paying tribute to John's support for Dale, Mr Haupt said John's donations had financed many school projects. The upgrading of the A Field change-rooms and the refurbishing of the entertainment area for visiting staff at the old tuck-shop were but a few of his contributions.

"His greatest contribution of all is the unequivocal support given to the college. John epitomises everything that makes Dale great! Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery."

On a personal note, the Headmaster said that in the past few years John had kept him informed on latest developments in education by posting him cuttings from overseas newspapers. "His support and advice has meant a great deal to me."

Stupid, Tin Bum, Praying Mantis, Rags, Animal, Skaapie, Lugs and Bushcat are doing just fine



ASSEMBLY ...

Top (from left):
Shane Bridger,
Stuart Haskings,
Ian Sheard,
Alexander Smith,
Andrew Sheard,
Justin Corrans,
Warren Spring.

Front:

Theo Kretzmann,
Sean Sharp, Deon
Boshoff (rugby coach),
Mark Paterson (head-
boy), Anton Petzer,
Ryan Pape.

• Picture: **RICHARD DOMERIS**, Photo King

THEY were a mixed bag, the Class of 1993, back for a festive Reunion 2003. Among them: Two microlenders, a wine maker, an air-brush artist, a horticultural and an agricultural scientist, a CSIR researcher, a clinical pharmacist, an industrial engineer, an accountant, a banking financial manager, a sports manager and sundry other managers, a farmer/stock agent and various consultants and technicians ... Several called them themselves "self-employed" – they are their own bosses.

With nicknames like Stupid, Tin Bum, Praying Mantis, Skaapie, Animal, Rags, Lugs, Bushcat and Blikkies ... the Ninety-threes have done remarkably well since leaving Dale.

Anton (Norm) Petzer, elder son of Old Dalian past president Andre Petzer, came from London, where he is a cash processor at a security firm, Securitas Cash Management. He and his wife Sanet, formerly from Stutterheim, live in Worcester Park, Surrey. E-mail address: antonpetzer@hotmail.com

After a post-matric year at Dale, where he had won colours at cricket and half colours at rugby, Anton studied at the East London and Port Elizabeth Technikons. He obtained a national diploma in sport administration and management.

Since leaving for Britain in 1999 he has played club rugby and cricket for Melrose in Scotland and now plays for a rugby club near Portsmouth in the national third league.

Others from the Class of '93 came from many parts of South Africa:

FROM GAUTENG:

Bongi Mpondo, former Sutton House headboy and college prefect, is now a researcher at the CSIR in Pretoria after graduating BSc in Town and Regional Planning at Wits. He is studying for his MPhil in sustainable development through Stellenbosch University. At Dale he chaired the Science Club and won the art prize in matric. E-mail address: bmpondo@csir.co.za

Stuart Haskings, nicknamed Stupid at school, is a financial manager at Nedcor's head office in Sandton. He obtained his BComm at UPE and his BComm Honours at Natal University, both in accounting. Stuart assured us that teacher Mike Cousins gave him his nickname because it sounded like Stuart and not for any derogatory reason.

He lives in Linden, having moved to Johannesburg in 2001 after doing his articles in Port Elizabeth. He was a day-boy at Dale. E-mail: StuartH@Nedcor.com

Ryan (Tin Bum) Nicholas, is a compliance manager at Montecasino, Sandton. He graduated BComm through UNISA while completing his articles. He and his wife Tara live at Four Ways, Sandton.

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OUR FANTASTIC REUNION

STUART HASKINGS spent most of the weekend catching up and enjoying the company of his 1993 classmates. His impressions:

IT WAS fantastic to see the guys again. We have all moved a long way since finishing school, but I found that their character hadn't changed at all.

I was impressed with the way Dale has embraced change while still retaining the core traditions, principles, discipline, and values that make it the great school it has been.

The only way to ensure that these core "Dalianisms" are sustained is for the pupils to buy into the Dale culture. This is being achieved with great success at present.

At the Friday assembly I particularly enjoyed the Grade 1 sing-song and Deon Boshoff's presentation of the '93 Old Boys. At the lunch afterwards the ladies did a sterling job in cooking a delicious meal.

Touch rugby in the afternoon taught most of the '93 guys who played that they're not as young as they used to be!

Friday night turned into a big party at The Castle (in the old Sutton House) where the '93 Old Boys had a great time. We felt it the next day!

It was good to see my old side (the Thirds) beat Selborne (one of only two Dale senior teams who won). Like all Old Dalians I was helluva disappointed that the first team lost, but the chaps tried their best.

I was a little disappointed with the singing during the rugby and the crowd seemed smaller than I remember. The party afterwards in the tent at the Athlone tennis courts proved as festive as Friday night's, culminating in a War Cry that must have woken up most of King William's Town.

MARK PATERSON came back to Dale at Reunion as 1993 headboy and cricket captain. His impressions:

IT WAS nice to be back in King and to see all the old faces. Many of the guys who had not been back to school since they left told me how good the buildings and fields were looking. I thought everything looked fantastic.

Some were amazed to see that (part of) Sutton House is now a SPAR ... Dalians are still well-dressed and good mannered.

It was amazing to see that our guys are involved in such different professions – like Justin Corrans, who is a wine maker.

MY HIGHLIGHTS: Seeing old friends. I had not seen Sean Sharp, Warren Spring and Alex Smith since I left school so it was great to catch up.

We all enjoyed the Reunion Assembly. Deon Boshoff (who introduced the '93 Class) was fantastic. He joined us for lunch afterwards and was in the tent after the game on Saturday. It was good to see Butch Wiggett again and he has not changed.

We entered two teams in the touch rugby competition on the Friday afternoon. It was fantastic to play some rugby with old team-mates. All the guys seemed a little slower.

OUR PARTIES: We were all at The Castle on Friday night. One thing that stands out in my memory is "Stupid" Haskings on the dance floor.

The tent after the rugby on Saturday had a fantastic atmosphere and the party there went long into the night.

MY DISAPPOINTMENTS: The weekend was too short! The first team rugby game.

LAST WORDS: Guys I have heard from felt the weekend was a great success. Many old friendships were resumed and we have swapped e-mail addresses and are keeping in contact.

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till 1995 when we are told there was a "full spectrum of day-boys and boarders."

Of Deon's 1995 team two were playing international rugby this season – Greg Somerville for the All Blacks and Gcobani Bobo for the Springboks. Several are playing for their provinces.

Introducing the returning '93s, Deon laced his talk with quips and anecdotes about his former pupils. Viewing them from the platform he said they looked like "before pictures" advertising Bio-Slim and Advanced Hair Studio.

Referring to fly-half Sean Sharp, who went on to play for Eastern Province, he said:

Deon's return

"If he were playing today he would still be running circles round (Springbok) Louis Koen."

Of Warren (Blikkies) Spring: "You can see his ears now he's cut his hair."

Of Mark Paterson, ex-headboy and son of former rugby coach and deputy headmaster Mickey Paterson: "I used to call him 'Speedy' with my tongue in my cheek."

And about Selborne College: "We like our fish fried and not lightly grilled."

The year 1993 was certainly a lively one at Dale.

THE THINGS THAT MADE US LAUGH

RETURNING 1993 matrices recalled some amusing memories from their schooldays:

- Quinton (Snakey) Snyman breaking a polystyrene fish over his knee in front of Selbornians before a first team rugby match at a Reunion. This caused a brawl on the field. – *Stuart Haskings and Michael Breckle*
- Backs to the wall outside the Hostel laundry after getting six with Zach McCann, Darren le Roux, Griffy Griffith and Billy Liesegang – and

scaring newboys on Sandile Night – *Ryan Nicholas*

- Patrick Stotter eating Butch Wiggett's goldfish. – *Greg Greyvenstein*
- Watching a team-mate tackle (teacher) Graham Nolan during a rugby practice. – *Casey Beary*
- (Deputy head) Des Gendall giving one of his "Hey boetie" talks or his "Follow me, I'm right behind you" phrase. – *Ryan Pape*
- Being pushed through a window during class

by Anton Petzer ... Shane Bridger tripping over a cricket field boundary rope at Kingswood trying to make a catch. – *Mark Paterson*

- Feeling bad about getting 33 per cent for biology only to find that two other guys' marks, added together, were less than mine. – *Mark Francies*
- Shane Bridger locking up his newboy because his No. 6 had been sewn on upside down before a rugby game. – *Anton Petzer*

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At Dale he played first team squash, was a college prefect and deputy headboy of Diocesan Hostel, chairman of the Interact Club and King William's Town's junior town clerk. E-mail: ryann@tsogosun.com

FROM KWAZULU-NATAL:

Andrew Sheard, son of Old Dalian sports statistician and ex-farmer Tom and Dale teacher Judy Sheard, is a horticultural scientist at the KZN Department of Agriculture in Hilton. After a post-matric at Dale in 1994, he graduated BSc (Agric) in horticulture at Natal University.

At school he was already called "Farmer." He was a college prefect and won academic and hockey colours, half colours at cricket and played hockey for Border Schools. E-mail: shearda@quarry.ksnl.gov.za / andrewsheard@webmail.co.za

Warren Spring won colours at rugby and tennis at Dale and was headboy of Paterson House and a college prefect. Living in Maritzburg, he is an agricultural scientist in the KZN Department of Agriculture. He graduated BSc (Agric) in horticulture at Natal University.

FROM THE CAPE:

Justin Corrans, is a winemaker for Distell, wine and spirits wholesalers. He lives at Stellenbosch after graduating BSc in wine biotechnology at the university. At Dale he was deputy headboy of the college and Paterson House and won honours at rugby as vice-captain of the first team.

Alexander Smith, known as Animal or Smithers to his mates, was awarded colours for athletics and rugby at Dale and provincial colours for athletics. He won a trophy for the best field athlete from 1989 to 1993 and the most consistent rugby player in 1993. After graduating BSc in physiology and psychology at Stellenbosch, he runs Two Oceans Media, a company selling computer consumables in Blaauwberggrandt, Cape Town. E-mail: alexsmit@ebucksmail.com

Ryan (Solly) Pape is a consultant at First National Bank in Cape Town. He captained the Dale sixth rugby team.

FROM PORT ELIZABETH:

Sean (Skaapie) Sharp won honours at rugby and played for Border Schools for two years. He is now an accountant at Dorbyl Automotive Systems in Port Elizabeth after graduating BTEch CMA at the PE Technikon. He played rugby for Eastern Province. E-mail: seans@acm.dorbyl.co.za



AT LUNCH ... Standing (from left): Barry Hayidakis, Warren Spring, Theo Kretzmann, Mark Francies, Gary Lentz, Grant Griffith, Shane Bridger. Seated (clockwise): Ryan Pape, Casey Beary, Anton Petzer, Ian Sheard, Mark Paterson, Andrew Sheard, Alexander Smith, Justin Corrans, Sean Sharp.

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Casey (Lugs) Beary, who obtained a national diploma in industrial engineering at the Port Elizabeth Technikon, is a senior industrial engineer at Tenneco Automotive in PE. At Dale he won half colours at tennis. E-mail: casey.beary@taeu.com

Greg (Grayve) Greyvenstein is a sales and management consultant for Virgin Active in Port Elizabeth. He lists among his school achievements "captaining the fourth rugby team and winning the bunking prize with Michael Nel."

FROM THE BORDER:

Mark Paterson, 1993 headboy and cricket captain, is a clinical pharmacist at the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacokinetics at the East London Academic Health Complex.

Known as Pad and Pace at Dale, he played first team cricket for three years and for Border Schools in his final year. He won academic colours in his last two years, also won colours for rugby and played for Border Schools. He won half colours for tennis in 1992.

After leaving school he obtained a BPharm degree at UPE and is now studying for his MSc (MED). E-mail: patermsm@hlthcmh.ecape.gov.za

Grant (Pins, Griffy) Griffith, who played first team rugby at Dale for three years and three games for the first cricket team, is now sports manager at Dale Junior.

Shane (Rags) Bridger, who won half colours at cricket and tennis at Dale, is now a self-employed CAD technician in East London (company BSA Trading). E-mail: Shane.Bridger@Eskom.co.za

Barry (Gudge) Hayidakis, who played first team cricket and rugby at Dale, runs Better Loans, a

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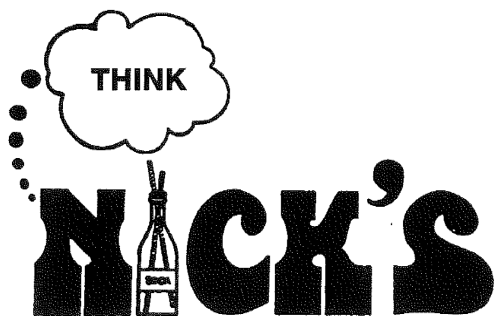
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Dale Choir strikes a rare chord



ON THE MARCH ... the Dale singers enter the Hallowed Courtyard. Among them, from left: Siyanda Mxaka, Gcobani Mqolamba, Mandilakhe Dada, Mikelo Ndzwai, Duane Karshagen, Monde Coto, Sibabalwe Sodidi and Letlotlo Motsilli

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IT'S A REAL TONGUE-TWISTER

"THE Court of King Caractacus" starts with a simple line: "Now the ladies of the heir amongst the Court of King Caractacus were just passing by ..."

By adding a little more to each verse, the song ends up with: "Now the fascinating witches who put the scintillating stitches in the bridges of the

boys who put the powder on the noses of the faces of the ladies of the heir amongst the Court of King Caractacus, were just passing by."

The song gradually gets faster and that turns this seemingly easy song into a real tongue-twister.

— Carika de Swardt, head of the Music Department at Dale College

THERE was a different, lighter touch to the performance of the Dale College Choir at this year's Reunion. The choir marched into the Hallowed Courtyard singing the theme song from the movie "Stockade". Then they rendered the complicated, tongue-twisting sequence of "The Court of King Caractacus".

Their performance was one of the highlights of the opening Assembly and drew enthusiastic applause.

Choir leader Carika de Swardt said that because they had been so busy preparing for a musical they did not have time – along with sports practices – to prepare "proper" choir songs for the Reunion. They learned the two songs in two weeks.

"We opted to do something light and entertaining," said Carika, who has been head of the college Music Department since 1999. "I was most surprised by the positive response we received."

The 25-strong choir was accompanied by music teacher Delia Daniels on keyboard and Grade 11 Dalian Duane Karshagen on guitar. Delia has been teaching music and accompanying the choir since 2001, but has now left the school.

The American marching song from "Stockade", (DB – detention barracks – in the SA Army), was usually sung when military prisoners marched to and from their dining hall. Grade 11 Dalian Somelelo Diya acted as the squad's drill sergeant.

"The Court of King Caractacus" by Rolfe Harris is a pub song meant to entertain and amuse the audience.

(Harris is an Australian entertainer who plays the guitar and didgeridoo, an aboriginal wind instrument, and sings songs like "Waltzing Mathilda" and "Tie Me Kangaroo Down.")

"Initially the boys (who listen mostly to modern music) frowned on the Rolfe Harris song," Carika told TransDale. "I think they thought I was crazy to expect them to learn it, but once we got going they learned it remarkably quickly."

"The marching and dance steps in the 'Stockade' song took a bit of time because some of these boys have 'two left feet'."

Carika said performance possibilities of the choir were limited. "Last year we combined the Dale College and Kaffrarian High School choirs for a mixed choir of about 70 members. They performed with great success and sang songs of many different styles – classical, spiritual, traditional and a combination of all these with hip-hop (rap)."

Among their performances was a notable appearance at the 2002 Reunion.

This year the choir was preparing for "Who Killed Jimmy Valentine?" – a stage musical about the mysterious death of a young boy in the taxi wars of the Cape Flats. This was performed with KHS and De Vos Malan Hoërskool in August.

In 2001 Carika produced the musical "Animals", which won the Amahlati Schools' Drama Festival in Stutterheim. Both musicals were written by Capetonians Michael Williams and Allan Stephenson. Michael is general manager and director of the Cape Town Opera and Allan is one of South Africa's most successful composers.



SCINTILLATING SINGING ... The Dale Choir in action on the college steps

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The Class of 1994 and past Dale hockey captains will be honoured guests at the Reunion on April 30, May 1-2.

QUOTE

• Reunion is a time of reflection and a time of looking ahead as we honour the past.

A time to reinvent ourselves but also a time to savour what is dear to our traditions in a changing local, national and international environment.

In the vanguard of change we can all look back with pride and amid the many challenges lies a future of opportunities. As never before has our support of vital segments of our family been so important. As Old Boys we need give our headmasters all the encouragement, guidance and support we can offer.

— RODNEY BREETZKE, past-president of the Old Dalian Union, who was master of ceremonies at the 2003 Reunion induction dinner.

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How to attract boarders to Dale

• **GRANT TURNBULL**, immediate past Old Dalian national president, tells of the union's efforts to recruit more Dale boarders and to improve its communication with Old Boys throughout the country and abroad.

ADOPT A DALIAN! This bursary scheme has been led by the Johannesburg branch of the Old Dalian Union and already three Gauteng boys are benefiting from it.

Outgoing national president Grant Turnbull said in his annual report at Reunion 2003 that support had been received from several quarters to help fund bursaries for deserving boys.

The Adopt a Dalian! concept needed to be built on gradually by enabling donors to claim tax relief through a Section 21 company.

"I am convinced we will see more Border-based Old Boys sending their sons eventually (to Dale)." He regarded the re-opening of Presby to Dalians as a priority although the golf academy idea had been shelved.

"If it (Presby) is not opened soon it will never be opened," he said. "Dale College will never be competitive as a day school only and will eventually fade into obscurity if the boarder population is not increased."

All Old Dalians should help to recruit quality boarders by selling the concept of "Dale College-style education - great for building character and independence." The key to this was through communication. In Johannesburg, the ODU branch was employing Quita Korhaan, a highly-skilled software trainer, to improve its communications system, first by updating its mailing list and tracking "lost" Old Dalians.

In King William's Town, the Old Dalian pub was being used regularly on Friday nights. This

ADOPT A DALIAN, SAYS GRANT



GRANT TURNBULL ... a bursary fund for deserving boys

would hopefully lead to the return of the local "mother branch."

Grant called on Old Dalians in East London to resume their popular annual red-and-black dinner. "Natal and Cape Town need to be awoken from their slumber as well."

QUESTIONS

APPEALING to Old Dalians to send their sons to Dale, Grant Turnbull asked these challenging questions at Reunion 2003:

- **WHAT** other school truly represents the

demographics of this country?

- **WHAT** other school will provide your son with a more truly South African education?
- **WHAT** school will allow your son to mix with the future leaders of business and politics like Dale does?
- **WHAT** school is more likely to produce the next Madiba?

Grant told the Reunion opening Assembly: "Distinguish between the school that provides an education for export purposes - by encouraging emigration - and one which prepares for the rigours of this country."

"Dale has always taught us to be tough, independent and proud of who we are - that is why Old Dalians are made for Africa."

"If you are the intelligent, patriotic Old Dalian, you will know what to do with your son. I certainly did."

HOW CAN WE HELP?

THE Old Dalian Union's philosophy is: "What can we do to help you?" Grant Turnbull told the Reunion Assembly. It wanted to ensure that:

- Newly-graduated Old Dalians get jobs through Old Dalian bosses, who could source quality staff through the union.
- Old Dalians could advertise their services to fellow ODs, thus helping their businesses.
- They could form business partnerships through the Old Boy network in SA or internationally. The ODU had contact with professional sports bodies interested in talented sportsmen being produced at Dale. "They want us to help them source top players for their clubs."

"These benefits will become available once we begin to communicate. The ground is being prepared by the Old Dalian Union right now."

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HO DE VILLIERS RECALLS THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIPS OF 'UNPAID' BOK RUGBY



HO AND FRIENDS ... Back row (from left): Colin Kretzmann, Piet Greyling, Brian Eekhout, Peter Ibbotson, Jace Tennier, Donovan van der Merwe. Front: Clive (Copper) Tressider, Gerald Rosing, HO de Villiers, Brian Solomons, Peter Terbrugge

At R1,10 a day, we got the small change

HENRY (HO) DE VILLIERS, the Old Dalian rugby Springbok who transformed fullback play in South Africa, was an entertaining guest speaker at the Johannesburg Old Boys' annual lunch late last year. More than 100 Old Daliens and guests attended.

Introducing HO, Johannesburg Old Dalian chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney told of his "incredible" 1963 side which lost one game and drew one.

Headmaster Russell Searle had injected an element of steel into the organisation. He coached the first team into a fit, aggressive, out-fit. The Spartan conditioning helped, he said.

HO regaled his audience with memories of Springboks such as Frik du Preez, Sid Nomis, Mof Myburgh, Gawie Carelse, whom "we called Gavin Charles on the UK tour because the Poms could not wrap their tongues around 'Gawie Carelse'."

Others included the famous loose trio of Tommy Bedford, Piet Greyling and Jan Ellis and his first Springbok captain – "that fantastic guy and colossus of a man, Dominee Dawie de Villiers."

"Gavin Charles," he recalled, had become "quite excited" one day in London when the subject of the "Gaza Strip" came up – "he thought the Gaza Strip was a naughty nightclub in Soho."

HO spoke, too, of how fortunate he had been to meet many overseas rugby personalities through rugby. These included Gareth Evans (Lions and Wales), Tom Kiernan (Lions and Ireland), Dave Duckham (Lions and England), Andy Leslie (All Blacks), Phil Kearns (Australia) and Pierre Villepreux (France).

Of the change from amateur rugby to professionalism, HO said he didn't begrudge modern players their earnings. "Good luck to them –

MY NO 1 FULLBACK

• **JOHN ROBBIE**, former Lions and Ireland scrumhalf, now a 702 Talk Radio presenter and rugby commentator, chose HO de Villiers at fullback in a team of Springboks who "should have played in a World Cup."

"Imagine him in a tight semi-final," John wrote in the *Saturday Star*. "I saw HO on the demo tour (UK, 1969-70) and have never forgotten his flair."



WITH TEAM-MATE Piet Greyling ...
"Boks could do with you now"
• Pictures: DAVE ABBOT

I hope they make as much as they can.

"We received a mere R1,10 a day for a Test match. Today the players receive R75 000 a day for a Test. A significant change – but it appears we only got the 'small change!'"

HO said he was thrilled to see his old team-mate Piet Greyling at the lunch (as a guest of his business associate, Old Dalian Peter Wales). "Piet, the 'Bok team could do with you right now!'"

He appreciated the friendship they had maintained since 1967 – "Piet shared the 'small change' with me."

They had played most of their Tests together, including their first two (against France in 1967) and those on tours of France in 1968 and Britain (three-and-a-half months in 1969-70).

Comparing the game today with amateur

days, HO recalled two experiences:

- When he played for Western Province for the first time he was told he could go and buy his Province blazer – for R25. At the time he was earning only R85 a month – "I had to ask my Dad if I could buy it on his buy-aid account!"
- He had to have numerous operations to his right knee, injured in 1966. "As the medical bills rocketed the doctor realised my financial plight and stopped billing me because my medical aid had become exhausted."

He claimed from the Western Province Rugby Union and was awarded compensation of R1 a day for the year – "the grand total of R365!"

Today, 38 years since his first game for Western Province, he had received his first sponsorship – a Sun Air ticket to attend this lunch (through the efforts of Old Dalian Mark van Buuren, 1988 Dale cricket captain, and a director of an associate company, MillionAir Charter.)

"Thank you for turning me into a professional via Sun Air – thank you Sun Air," he said.

"I'm sure when Piet Greyling hears this he will be sorry he went to Hoërskool Van Stadensrus in the Eastern Free State instead of coming to Dale!" He joked that Piet would like to go back to school at Dale to get his matric.

Speaking of Russell Searle – "an absolute icon of a man" – HO said he was not only a headmaster and wonderful rugby coach but a "mentor to me as a boarder, a friend and a second father."

Just after leaving Dale he received a "wonderful letter" from Mr Searle predicting that he would one day play for South Africa "and I will be there on the day you wear the 'Bok jersey for the first time."

Sadly, Russell Searle had died before his prediction became a reality. He was thrilled that his son Donald was present at the lunch.

Recalling that Mr Searle had told him it was good luck to have a Jewish player in the team, HO was delighted to see his old friend Gerald Rosing ("an outstanding rugby player in his day") at the lunch – "no doubt to bring us some good luck."

Chipping in, Gerald said of Joel Stransky's 1995 Rugby World Cup winning drop goal: "I think the rabbi kicked it."

Old Dalian 2002 national president Grant Turnbull spoke of the "Adopt a Dalian" initiative to build a fund to send junior sportsmen

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IT WAS JUST LIKE OLD TIMES ...

Former Dale teacher Dave Knowles (centre) calls back the past with ex-pupils Ray Butcher (left) and Craig van Buuren at the lunch

• Pictures: DAVE ABBOT



GOING HOME ... Johannesburg Old Dalian John Kirkwood returns to Dale College the century-old .303 Enfield rifle he found as a 1964 matric schoolboy in the cellar of Sutton House. Headmaster James Haupt received the rifle formally at the Old Dalian lunch in Gauteng.

Mounted in a glass case, the rifle (dated 1897) has since found a final resting place among other Dale memorabilia in the Old Dalian Presidents' Room at Dale College.

Ex-rugby coach Dave Knowles drops in

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and academics with potential as boarders to Dale College.

"Dale is something worth keeping alive," he said. "It is the ideal school for this time in South Africa."

The luncheon was held at St Stithians Old Boys' Club. Dave Knowles, former Dale teacher and rugby coach, now a vice-principal at Saints, crossed his campus to join us.

Guests from Eastern Cape Old Boys' associations included Dave McLeod and Anton Spence of Selborne, Harold Atkinson of Queen's, and Andy Moorcroft of Kingswood.

• In a notable change, Eddie Coetzer and Don van der Merwe sang the Memorial Song, instead of the customary Hostel Grace.

FACT FILE

• HO de Villiers played in 14 Tests for South Africa, including four against France in SA (in 1967), two against France (in 1968), all four against Australia in 1968 and all four (England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales) on the demo-riden tour of Britain in 1969-70. He played 40 games for Western Province and also for Southern Universities and SA Barbarians.

• In the '70s he fought a losing battle against injury which ended his international career.

• After 30 years with the SA Mutual, HO has been on his own in a financial services company for the past three years.

FLETCHER ON SA SINGING TOUR

JOHN FLETCHER, the Old Dalian advocate who quit the law for a singing career, made a demanding six-week concert tour of South Africa in July, August and September in aid of Rotary International's "Eradication of Polio Campaign."

In his show, "John Fletcher Centre Stage," a blend of modern, jazz and classical music, the singer was accompanied by British concert pianist Stephen Higgins.

Performances were held in Gauteng, the Western Cape, Kwa-Zulu-Natal, the Free State and his home turf, the Eastern Cape.

Earlier John, a former Dale dux scholar and deputy headboy (class of 1978), directed the Drakensberg Boys' Choir in a successful new show, "Sing Freedom" over three weeks in the Drakensberg. All five performances got standing ovations.

He will return next March to direct the show at the Civic Theatre, Johannesburg, the State Theatre, Pretoria, and the Sand du Plessis, Bloemfontein.

John, his wife Juliet and their two children live near Bristol, in Somerset, England.

An idol in my youth – by James Haupt

HEADMASTER James Haupt told the gathering of his pleasure in meeting "the idol of my schooldays, Old Dalian HO de Villiers."

"The closest I have ever come to this is watching HO play for Western Province against Transvaal at Ellis Park.

"I can recall the incredible ability of this rugby genius to stand in one position and by feinting the body, to have the opposition diving, grasping in vain for the tackle."

Lady spectators ran on to the field during the match to collect autographs and HO signed them.

Mr Haupt said it was a great day for him to meet someone who was discovered by that "wonderful headmaster," Russell Searle, with whom HO had a direct link.

• For the serious side of Mr Haupt's address see Page 5.



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Dale unbeaten at the other KHS

KHS! The headline on the programme at an Easter rugby festival must have rung a romantic bell among members of the visiting Dale rugby team – and among Old Dalians with nostalgic schoolboy memories.

But it was not King William's Town's Kaffrarian High School (for Girls). Another KHS, Krugersdorp High School, was hosting the festival to celebrate the school's centenary (1903-2003). And to cap it all the Dalians were housed in the KHS girls' hostel – but unfortunately the girls were away on holiday.

The festival was a resounding success for Dale, the Gauteng Dale community of Old Dalians and parents and those Dalians who were home for the Easter weekend.

Showing promising early-season form, Dale were one of five unbeaten teams in the 14 that took part in the tournament. The Dalians won their first two matches against Jeppe Boys' High (25-5) on the Thursday and Hoërskool Roodepoort (16-3) on the Saturday. Then followed an impressive (17-3) victory over Parktown Boys' High on Easter Monday.

After the Saturday game an enthusiastic crowd of Old Dalians and parents, some from King William's Town, gathered at a lunch organised by Dave Sephton-Poultnery, chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the Old Dalian Union, and his wife Rose.

It was there that Dave mentioned that the Dale team were staying at the KHS girls' hostel. Welcoming Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg, Dave joked that when Jack ran Jack's Place at the Central Hotel in King he served the first team beer. Today they were allowed only Coke.

The Dale College Song was sung before the game and the War Cry was rendered by the team on the field after the game and again at the lunch. Dale coach Carl Spilhaus told the gathering he was very proud of his boys.

Against Jeppe, the Dalians, who led 10-nil at the break, scored four tries – two by Keegan Daniel and one each by Lukhano Majerman and Athenkosi Mtya. Jeppe replied with one try. Final score: 25-5.

The game against Roodepoort was characterised by enterprising play by the Dale backs, strong support by the forwards and intense defence by the Dalians in the second half when the team came under repeated attack. No tries were conceded. Dale's points came from tries by John Meyer and Modise Moromane and two penalties.

The game was marked by some unpleasant on-the-field incidents where punches and racist insults were thrown at Dale players. One Roodepoort player was red-carded for punching.

Race jibes from tannies in the stand

REPORTING on the Dale-Roodepoort game for the Sunday Independent, sports writer Kevin McCallum wrote: "Sadly it didn't take long before the word 'kaffir' was used by some mothers and their playing sons ..."

"However it didn't take long until the 'kaffirs' and the snots of Dale College showed the children of the mothers of Hoërskool Roodepoort that the balance of power in rugby is shifting – slowly perhaps, but surely enough to cause some of those mothers to panic.



SHOWING THE FLAG at the Krugersdorp High centenary festival ... Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg, Dale parent Wendy Eglinton, ODU past-president Ivan and Megan Venter, Ian and Merle Chisholm



TRIPLE WIN: The Dale squad that scored three victories at the Krugersdorp festival. Back row (from left) Mawanda Zenzile, Lutho Nyeka, Modise Moromane, Bandise Maku, Sokhana Mkona, Donovan Swart, Craig Green, John Meyer, Ndlela Lucas, Dumani Mtya, Fifi Simpson, Somelo Dija, Herbert Ndinisa. Front (from left) Athi Mtya, Mandilakhe Tile, Grant Gerber, Lammert Vos, Athi Dylli, Lukhanyo Majerman, Keegan Daniel, Luthando Mkwelo, Ricky Stone

ing. Off the field, some partisan mothers joined in the racial abuse.

With commendable discipline, the Dalians kept their cool and dominated the game. Roodepoort's only points came from a penalty. Final score: 16-3.

Keegan Daniel, Hubert Ndinisa and Lukhanya Majerman each scored tries against Parktown, who replied with a penalty. Modise Moromane converted one try. Final score: 17-3.

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SHOWING THE FLAG ... Allister, 6, and Jonathan, 9, de Blocq, sons of Old Dalian Barry and Jacky de Blocq of Randpark Ridge, made these posters to support Dale.

• Picture: HANS DE BLOCC

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THE DAY DALE WENT TO KRUGERSDORP AND FOUND A DIFFERENT KHS



• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



THE Dale Family turned out in strength at the Krugersdorp festival.

TOP LEFT: Back row, from left: Michael Tuck, James Rich, Charles Marshall. Front: Jason Fyfer, Jo-Ann Hayidakis (ex-KHS, King) Sean Hemphill.

ABOVE: Hans and Pat de Blocq of Cape Town with their son Barry, his wife Jacky and their sons Jonathan, 9, and Allister, 6.

LEFT: Tebogo Moromane of Centurion with her son Modise (right) and fellow Dale first-teamer Ndlela Lucas of Johannesburg.

R40 000 for 2000 Club winners

OLD DALIAN Edwin Jay (matric class 1977) of Johannesburg won the ODU's first 2000 Club competition – and donated R14 000 of his R24 000 prize to this year's TransDale magazine.

This magnificent donation will go a long way towards making the magazine viable for the first time in several years. Thank you Edwin!

The second prize of R8 000 was won by another Gauteng Old Dalian, Alan Davis (1962). Third prize of R4 000 went to John Gouverneur (1947) of Durban.

The five other winners (of R800 each) were: Leon Petzer (1975) of Port Elizabeth, Paul Hartigan (1984) and Peter Ibbotson (1962) of Gauteng, Ken Jack (1972) of Port Elizabeth and a group of four Dale Junior staff members.

Edwin Jay, former senior partner of the legal firm Jay Inc., is now chief executive officer of Moneyweb Holdings Ltd, a financial media company. Alan Davis is a former committee member of the TransDale Parents' Association.

GAUTENG'S EDWIN GIVES R14 000 TO TRANSDALE

John Gouverneur is an ODU executive member and a benefactor of both Dale schools. Leon Petzer is administration manager of a manufacturing company and a brother of ODU past-president Andre Petzer. Paul Hartigan is a former chairman of the Johannesburg ODU.

The competition raised R80 000, of which R40 000 was paid to the prize-winners. Tickets for the current competition are available at R100 or in books of five from Pat Volker at the Old Dalian Office, King William's Town. (Phone: 043-6421243; fax: 043-6425452 e-mail: odu@border.co.za).

• John Gouverneur has donated R2 000 to TransDale by sponsoring pages in this issue. Peter Ibbotson spent all his prize money on tickets for this year's competition. Others have also bought tickets.

Thanks, Old Boys

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Coach Carl Spilhaus, always striving for perfection, commented: "Winning three games out of three was satisfactory, though our backline still lacked rhythm. Our forwards started getting better, yet combinations in the backline were not correct."

"A big thank-you to all the Old Boys who supported us. Not only did we have a good time on the field, but our off-days were great, too. A special thanks to Dolf Coetzer, who sponsored the fantastic accommodation in Bloemfontein to and from the festival."

"Special thanks also to Dave Sephton-Poultney for organising for the boys to go to the Rand Easter Show and the movies. The boys really appreciated it."

• Two Old Dalians were listed in The Star among schoolboy stars who had played in the St Stithians festival and gone on to play international rugby: Greg Sommerville (1995) is still playing for the All Blacks and Steven Hall (1989-90) was capped for France last year.

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You're getting there, Dale!

DOUBLE victories over Queen's, triple successes at a festival in Gauteng and a great win over formidable Paarl Roos High shone like beacons in a Dale rugby season of fluctuating fortunes.

The season ended on a high note with a 25-14 home win over Queen's whom Dale had beaten in Queenstown at their reunion.

The lowest point came in the third term with a shattering 42-nil loss to Selborne, who had won by just one penalty at the Dale Reunion.

It was the worst-ever defeat against Dale's traditional East London rivals. (Former teacher and coach Dave Knowles recalls that Dale went down 44-3 against Selborne in 1988. See "Look ahead, all is not lost" on this page.)

First XV coach Carl Spilhaus commented: "Unfortunately our match against Dan Pienaar was cancelled and this proved to be part of our downfall the week later. Selborne played particularly well but we certainly were not at our best."

Earlier in the season, after tours to Graaff-Reinet and Krugersdorp, the pack had shined in well and dominated the opposition.

But, after the narrow Reunion loss against Selborne, a number of Under 16 players had been drafted into the backline and it was realised that they would take time to settle in.

There were second-term wins over Grahams-town rivals St Andrew's and Kingswood and East London's Port Rex, Stirling and Cambridge. But in between came a 30-17 defeat by Grey (PE) in an error-ridden game it was thought Dale could have won. Only three games were played in the third term.

The final season tally was: Played 19, won 13, lost six – much better than last year's 14 defeats in 22 games. "We're getting there," Carl told TransDale, adding in his 2003 report: "There is steady improvement but it is still not good enough."

Here are edited extracts from his comments on the six players who represented Border at the Craven Week tournament and were awarded full colours. "These players were great ambassadors for Dale," said Carl.

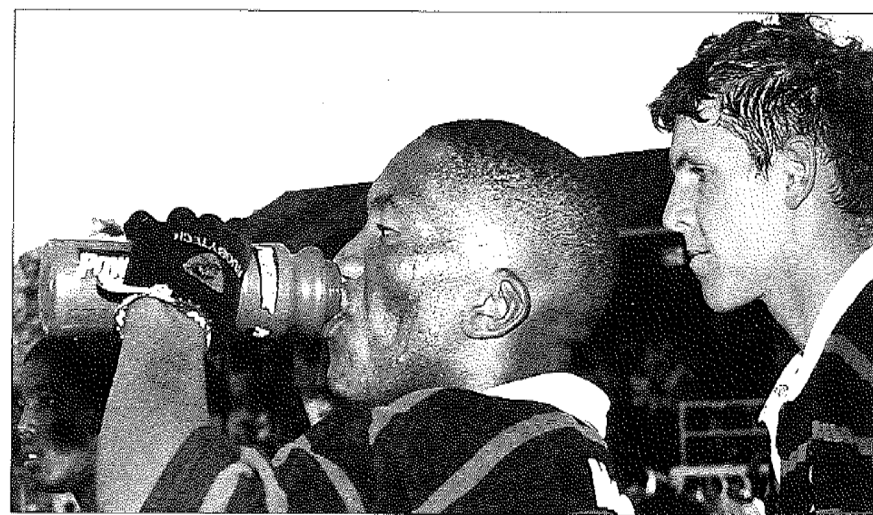
Prop JOHN MEYER – had a tremendous year. He suffered from many niggling injuries but continued to play, showing his great commitment and pride in the team. • **To Page 34**

Look ahead, all is not lost

DAVE KNOWLES, a former Dale teacher and rugby coach, now a vice-principal of St Stithians College, Randburg, sent this note of encouragement to the 1st XV coach and his lads, after the disappointment of the Selborne game, which Dale lost 42-nil.

• I ran the touch for the 1st XV game against Selborne in 1988, at home. It was (coach) Kenny Ball's last game at Dale. The final score was 44-4 to Selborne, in the days when tries were worth four points.

We had a monster pack, with Neal Hatley, Robin Swanepoel, the Hall brothers (Steven and Bradley), Andrew Muir at 8th man – but there



THIRSTY rugby first-teamers Bandise Maku and Lammert Vos after the Reunion game against Selborne • **Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King**

Double trouble for Queen's

DALE defeated old rivals Queen's twice in the season – once in Queentown at their reunion and then in the return game at home

• In the first game, the Dale forwards paved the way for an emphatic 31-19 victory. They provided good clean ball and space for their backs who ran well and showed flair for Dale to finish winners by 25-14.

Dale led 10-nil at the break after tries by Athi Dyili and Dumanani Mtya, converted by Gauteng's Modise Moromane. A converted try by No 8 Lukhanyo Majerman and within two minutes, another by Keegan Daniel gave Dale a 20-point lead.

Queen's bounced back with three tries but a try by scrumhalf Mandilakhe Tile put the result beyond doubt. It was a well-deserved victory for Dale and a plucky fight-back by the Queenians

• IN the return game, Queen's led 9-8 at half-time with three penalties goaled in the first 17 minutes. Dale replied with a penalty by Guy Ranger and an unconverted try by Keegan Daniel.

After unconverted tries by right wing Herbert Ndinisa and Lukhanyo Majerman, Dale led 18-9. Side-stepping the defence, Daniel scored his second try, converted by Ranger, to increase

• **For a full report on the Dale visit to the Krugersdorp High School centenary festival see Page 31 and 32.**

Dale's lead to 25-9. Queen's reduced this with an unconverted try. Result: 25-14.

• THE REUNION game against Selborne was tough and physical, with both sides defending well. Dale saw more of the ball in the second half but missed scoring chances. The game was marred by "whistle happy" refereeing. Selborne's winning points came from a penalty (3-0).

Here are brief reports on matches:

• DALE were beaten 30-17 by Grey High (PE), then rated number two in the country behind Grey College (Bloemfontein). Down 18-nil at half time, Dale hit back with three tries (by Mandilakhe Tile, Keegan Daniel and Luthando Mkwelo) and a penalty. It was a tough game which Dale could have won had chances been taken. A try by Luthando Mkwelo was disallowed, then Dale squandered two try-scoring opportunities. Keegan Daniel missed two penalties.

• WITH some changes against St Andrew's, four of Dale's backline were only 15 years old. The youngsters did well, with Mandilakhe Tile showing great promise. This was an open game with Dale defending well but missing a few try-scoring chances. Captain Keegan Daniel had another outstanding game. The result: 12-7 to Dale.

• DALE dominated the first half against Cambridge, scoring three tries, and extended their lead after the break. Craig Green, Athi Dyili, Mawande Zenzile and Hubert Ndinisa each scored a try and Guy Ranger kicked four conversions (28-10).

• AGAINST Kingswood, Dale deserved their 8-3 win, but played in fits and starts, missing try-scoring chances in the first half. Lukhanyo Majerman scored a try and Keegan Daniel goaled a penalty.

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Unbeaten – and fourth in S. Africa

RATED the fourth best in South Africa last year, the Dale first cricket team went on to finish the 2002-2003 season unbeaten. Of 13 games played nine were won and four drawn.

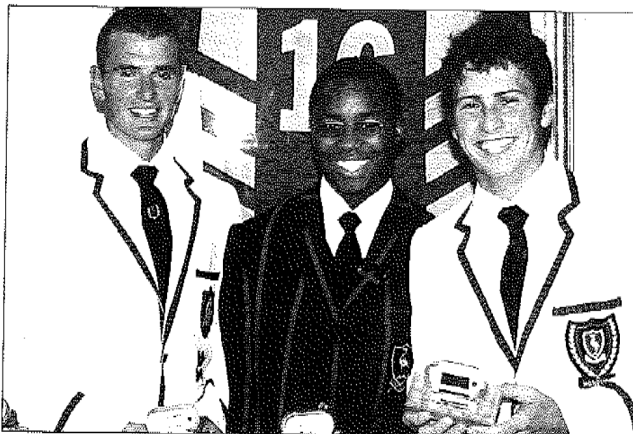
Leg-spinner Grant Howell, who captained the side in 2002, took the most wickets and Sithembile Makongolo scored the most runs. Honours awards went to both these players and also to Murray Ranger and this year's captain, Athi Dyili.

Half-colours were awarded to Ricky Stone, Keegan Daniel, Luyande Mpande, Onesimo Zonke, Craig Smith and Gauteng's Donovan Swart, the most successful bowler in the first term this year. Howell, Ranger, Makongolo and Dyili represented Border in the Coca-Cola Week and Mpande, Daniel and Zonke played for the Border B team.

Commenting on the team's unbeaten record, coach Carl Spilhaus said not many cricket sides in the long history of Dale could have matched this achievement. There had been a marked improvement, with senior players performing very well, especially under pressure. "Murray Ranger's knock against Selborne will long be remembered," he said.

The coach congratulated Howell and Dyili on their "outstanding captaincy." He said several senior players had left at the end of 2002, but the younger, inexperienced players who replaced them had learnt quickly and made valuable contributions.

The most notable victory this year was against Queen's with draws against Grey, Selborne and Kingswood.



DALIAN STARS JOIN CRICKET ACADEMIES

OLD DALIANS Grant Howell and Murray Ranger (seen above with fellow first team cricketer Onesimo Zonke) have linked up with cricket academies in the Eastern Cape.

• **GRANT HOWELL**, last year's Dale cricket captain, has been chosen as Player of the Year at the Eastern Province Cricket Academy. His selection was announced at a dinner addressed by Old Dalian cricket legend Hylton Ackerman.

Grant, now studying at the University of Port Elizabeth, is the son of cricket umpire Ian Howell, former chairman of the Dale College Governing Body.

• **ALL-ROUNDER** Murray Ranger has returned to the Border after spending a year at Old Swinford Hospital School in Worcester, England, as a junior sports coach. Murray scored the most runs for Worcester Club and got wickets as well.

He is now attached to the Border Cricket Academy and is coaching at Selborne. Murray won both cricket and rugby colours at Dale, captained the Dale First XV and was headboy of the school last year.

He is the son of Old Dalian Ray Ranger (1975), who captained Dale first rugby and cricket teams.

The Ups and Downs of Dale hockey

DALE hockey, including the first team, had a season of mixed fortunes, partly affected by the lack of an astro turf facility.

The firsts won 12 of the 23 matches played, lost eight and drew three. Forty-three goals were scored by Dale and 37 against the team.

Dale's goalkeeper, Nathan Pitt, was chosen for the SA Schools Under 17A team. Nathan, Michael-John Robb and Craig Smith were members of the Border Under 18 team which finished fourth in an inter-provincial tournament.

Aphiwe Fali played for the Border Under 18 B side, but Jared Terwin had to withdraw due to injury.

Colours were awarded to Sithembile Makengolo (re-award), Nathan Pitt, Michael-John Robb and Craig Smith. Half colours went to Christopher Duncan (of Gauteng), Aphiwe Fali, Jade Muller, Sinthemba Mvandaba, Sithembile Qomoyi and Jared Terwin.

Honours were even in Dale's two matches against Queen's. The team lost twice to Selborne, but beat St Andrew's and Kingswood.

In a demanding Founders Festival in Johannesburg, Dale beat SACS and Potchefstroom Boys' High but lost to Wynberg, Parktown and Paul Roos.

This was followed by three wins (over Rondebosch, Northwood and Muir) and draws against Alexander Road and York in the Ascension Festival at East London.

2003 RUGBY RESULTS

LOST to Andrew Rabie 10-20
BEAT Union High 38-7
BEAT Jeppe 25-5
BEAT Roodepoort 16-3
BEAT Parktown 17-3
BEAT Queen's 31-19
LOST to Selborne 0-3
BEAT Port Rex 13-6
LOST to Grey (PE) 17-30
BEAT Stirling 12-0
BEAT St Andrew's 12-7

BEAT Cambridge 28-10
BEAT Kingswood 8-3
LOST to Paarl Gym 17-27
LOST to Wynberg 16-20
BEAT Paul Roos 14-0
CANCELLED v Daniel Pienaar
LOST to Selborne 0-42
BEAT Hudson Park 34-13
BEAT Queen's 25-14

Points for 333. Points against 232

Three chosen for SA 'Green Squad' Cape Schools Week

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Prop **BANDISE MAKU** – played very well. With John and Craig Green (colours in 2002) he formed a very formidable front row.

Lock **DUMANI MTYA** – his performances in Craven Week were outstanding ... a wonderful future in the game.

Flank **KEEGAN DANIEL** (captain), leading try-scorer and points-scorer. He led very successfully, from the front. He was vice-captain of the Border team and excelled in Craven Week.

Eighth man **LUKHANYO MAJERMAN** – played fantastically well as the season progressed. A natural leader.

MAWANDE ZENZILE – a revelation at fullback. He reads the game well and his attacking abilities are outstanding

Mtya, Majerman and Zenzile were selected for the SARFU's "Green Squad." "This is a talent identification programme – hopefully we will see great things from these young players in the future," said the coach.

Five players were awarded half colours, Craig Green (hooker), Sokhana Mkona (lock), Ricky Stone (flank), Mandilakhe Tile (scrumhalf), of whom great things are expected next year, and Athi Dyili, who according to the coach, will be difficult to replace.

The rest of the squad, which included several promising youngsters who have one or two years to go at Dale, were: flyhalf Guy Ranger, wings Bjorn Basson and Herbert Ndinisa, centre Lutho Nyeka, prop Donovan Swart and wings Modise Moromane and Ndlela Lucas from Gauteng, loose forward Luthando Mkwelo and fullback Grant Gerber.

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Dale bounced back to beat a strong Paul Roos side 14-nil. Lukhanyo Majerman scored in each half and Guy Ranger converted both tries.

• **DESPITE** tries by Mandilakhe Tile, Royden Kennedy and Athi Dyili and a conversion by Guy Ranger Dale went down 27-17 to Paarl Gymnasium. Paarl's points came from three converted tries and two penalties.

• **DALE** missed a number of scoring chances late in their game against Wynberg but poor handling let them down. Result: 20-16 to Wynberg. After an early Dale try by fullback Athi Dyili and a penalty by Guy Ranger Dale trailed 8-10 at the break. Wynberg's points came from a penalty and a converted try. Bjorn Basson scored an unconverted try but Wynberg stretched their lead to 20-13 with a converted try and a penalty. Keegan Daniel reduced the deficit with a penalty.

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Stupid, Tin Bum, Praying Mantis, Rags, Animal, Skaapie, Lugs and Bushcat are doing just fine



ASSEMBLY ...
Top (from left):
Shane Bridger,
Stuart Haskings,
Ian Sheard,
Alexander Smith,
Andrew Sheard,
Justin Corrans,
Warren Spring.
Front:
Theo Kretzmann,
Sean Sharp, Deon
Boshoff (rugby coach),
Mark Paterson (head-
boy), Anton Petzer,
Ryan Pape.
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DOMERIS, Photo King

THEY were a mixed bag, the Class of 1993, back for a festive Reunion 2003. Among them: Two microlenders, a wine maker, an air-brush artist, a horticultural and an agricultural scientist, a CSIR researcher, a clinical pharmacist, an industrial engineer, an accountant, a banking financial manager, a sports manager and sundry other managers, a farmer/stock agent and various consultants and technicians ... Several called them themselves "self-employed" – they are their own bosses.

With nicknames like Stupid, Tin Bum, Praying Mantis, Skaapie, Animal, Rags, Lugs, Bushcat and Blikkies ... the Ninety-threes have done remarkably well since leaving Dale.

Anton (Norm) Petzer, elder son of Old Dalian past president Andre Petzer, came from London, where he is a cash processor at a security firm, Securitas Cash Management. He and his wife Sanet, formerly from Stutterheim, live in Worcester Park, Surrey. E-mail address: antonpetzer@hotmail.com

After a post-matric year at Dale, where he had won colours at cricket and half colours at rugby, Anton studied at the East London and Port Elizabeth Technikons. He obtained a national diploma in sport administration and management.

Since leaving for Britain in 1999 he has played club rugby and cricket for Melrose in Scotland and now plays for a rugby club near Portsmouth in the national third league.

Others from the Class of '93 came from many parts of South Africa:

FROM GAUTENG:

Bongi Mpondo, former Sutton House headboy and college prefect, is now a researcher at the CSIR in Pretoria after graduating BSc in Town and Regional Planning at Wits. He is studying for his MPhil in sustainable development through Stellenbosch University. At Dale he chaired the Science Club and won the art prize in matric. E-mail address: bmpondo@csir.co.za

Stuart Haskings, nicknamed Stupid at school, is a financial manager at Nedcor's head office in Sandton. He obtained his BComm at UPE and his BComm Honours at Natal University, both in accounting. Stuart assured us that teacher Mike Cousins gave him his nickname because it sounded like Stuart and not for any derogatory reason.

He lives in Linden, having moved to Johannesburg in 2001 after doing his articles in Port Elizabeth. He was a day-boy at Dale. E-mail: StuartH@Nedcor.com

Ryan (Tin Bum) Nicholas, is a compliance manager at Montecasino, Sandton. He graduated BCommpt through UNISA while completing his articles. He and his wife Tara live at Four Ways, Sandton.

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OUR FANTASTIC REUNION

STUART HASKINGS spent most of the weekend catching up and enjoying the company of his 1993 classmates. His impressions:

IT WAS fantastic to see the guys again. We have all moved a long way since finishing school, but I found that their character hadn't changed at all.

I was impressed with the way Dale has embraced change while still retaining the core traditions, principles, discipline, and values that make it the great school it has been.

The only way to ensure that these core "Dalianisms" are sustained is for the pupils to buy into the Dale culture. This is being achieved with great success at present.

At the Friday assembly I particularly enjoyed the Grade 1 sing-song and Deon Boshoff's presentation of the '93 Old Boys. At the lunch afterwards the ladies did a sterling job in cooking a delicious meal.

Touch rugby in the afternoon taught most of the '93 guys who played that they're not as young as they used to be!

Friday night turned into a big party at The Castle (in the old Sutton House) where the '93 Old Boys had a great time. We felt it the next day!

It was good to see my old side (the Thirds) beat Selborne (one of only two Dale senior teams who won). Like all Old Dalians I was helluva disappointed that the first team lost, but the chaps tried their best.

I was a little disappointed with the singing during the rugby and the crowd seemed smaller than I remember. The party afterwards in the tent at the Athlone tennis courts proved as festive as Friday night's, culminating in a War Cry that must have woken up most of King William's Town.

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till 1995 when we are told there was a "full spectrum of day-boys and boarders."

Of Deon's 1995 team two were playing international rugby this season – Greg Somerville for the All Blacks and Gcobani Bobo for the Springboks. Several are playing for their provinces.

Introducing the returning '93s, Deon laced his talk with quips and anecdotes about his former pupils. Viewing them from the platform he said they looked like "before pictures" advertising Bio-Slim and Advanced Hair Studio.

Referring to fly-half Sean Sharp, who went on to play for Eastern Province, he said:

MARK PATERSON came back to Dale at Reunion as 1993 headboy and cricket captain. His impressions:

IT WAS nice to be back in King and to see all the old faces. Many of the guys who had not been back to school since they left told me how good the buildings and fields were looking. I thought everything looked fantastic.

Some were amazed to see that (part of) Sutton House is now a SPAR ... Dalians are still well-dressed and good mannered.

It was amazing to see that our guys are involved in such different professions – like Justin Corrans, who is a wine maker.

MY HIGHLIGHTS: Seeing old friends. I had not seen Sean Sharp, Warren Spring and Alex Smith since I left school so it was great to catch up.

We all enjoyed the Reunion Assembly. Deon Boshoff (who introduced the '93 Class) was fantastic. He joined us for lunch afterwards and was in the tent after the game on Saturday. It was good to see Butch Wiggett again and he has not changed.

We entered two teams in the touch rugby competition on the Friday afternoon. It was fantastic to play some rugby with old team-mates. All the guys seemed a little slower.

OUR PARTIES: We were all at The Castle on Friday night. One thing that stands out in my memory is "Stupid" Haskings on the dance floor.

The tent after the rugby on Saturday had a fantastic atmosphere and the party there went long into the night.

MY DISAPPOINTMENTS: The weekend was too short! The first team rugby game.

LAST WORDS: Guys I have heard from felt the weekend was a great success. Many old friendships were resumed and we have swapped e-mail addresses and are keeping in contact.

Deon's return

"If he were playing today he would still be running circles round (Springbok) Louis Koen."

Of Warren (Blikkies) Spring: "You can see his ears now he's cut his hair."

Of Mark Paterson, ex-headboy and son of former rugby coach and deputy headmaster Mickey Paterson: "I used to call him 'Speedy' with my tongue in my cheek."

And about Selborne College: "We like our fish fried and not lightly grilled."

The year 1993 was certainly a lively one at Dale.

Old Dalian golfers sweep the board

OLD DALIANS took the honours in the annual TransDale parents' golf tournament in October 2002.

Three Ladner brothers - Justin, Terence and Dale - and Craig Clarke carded 87 points to win a four-ball alliance (two to count) competition at Reading Country Club.

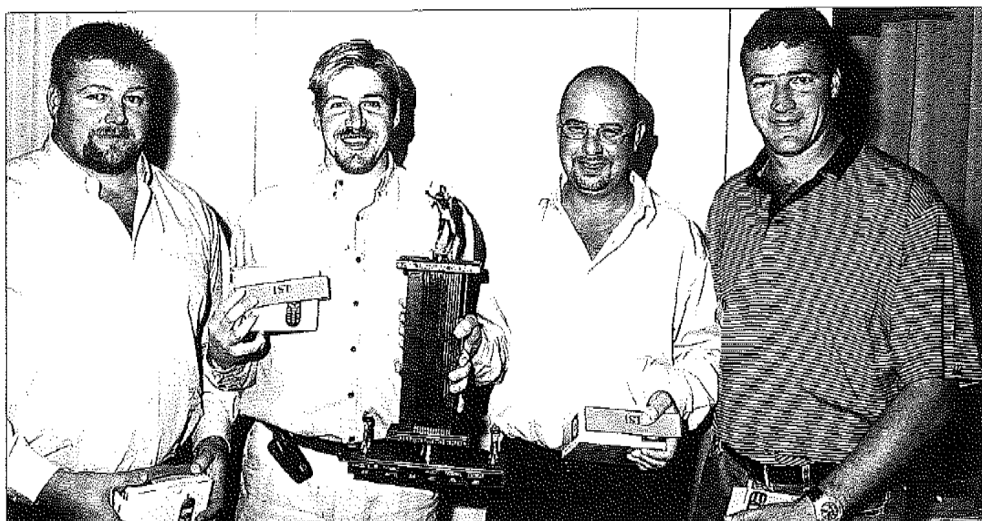
As they all went to Presby, they chose Paterson House to hold the Colman Foods Floating Trophy awarded to a Dale hostel for 2002-2003. This trophy was originally donated to the parents' association by the Tiger Mills group as the SA Oil Mills Trophy in 1986.

Second in the tournament on 86 points were Old Daliens Don Burton and Les Labuschagne, partnered by Les's friend Eric Broekhuysen and Dave Turnbull, father of 2002 ODU national president Grant Turnbull and founding president of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Old Dalian Garvin Ogden and his partners, Terry Smallwood, Craig Henderson and Robbie Robertson, came in with 85 points to claim third prize. Old Dalian brothers Neil and Dave Crossey, with partners Gerald Furber and Craig Williams, were fourth on 80.

Dave Crossey also won a prize for scoring a two at the fifth and was declared the winner of a two-night stay for two at the Coach House, a luxury resort near Tzaneen.

He gave this to his mother, Shirley, recently married to Harvey Pierce of Linksfield, Johannesburg. Shirley and her late husband, Ted Crossey, were founder members of



WINNERS (from left): Justin Ladner, Dale Ladner (holding the Colman Foods Floating Trophy), Craig Clarke and Terence Ladner
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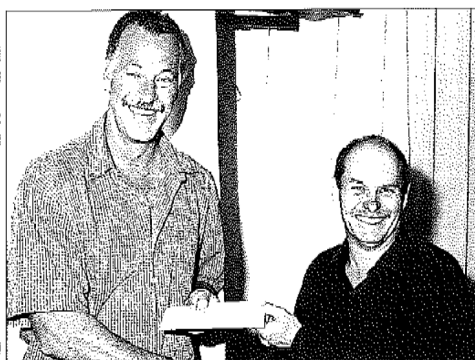
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• **ALL-ROUNDER** has returned to spending a year at Hospital School England, as a junior. Murray scored the Worcester Club as well.

He is now at Border Cricket A coaching at Sel won both cricket colours at Dale, Dale First XV and the school last year.

He is the son of Ranger (1975), Dale first rugby an.



LUXURY STAY: Dave Crossey receives his "holiday special" from TransDale parents' chairman Joe Fyfer

the TransDale Parents' Association and Ted was a former chairman.

Another Old Dalian, Chad Spence, won the prize for the longest drive on the 8th awarded to golfers with handicaps of 13 and more.

Other prize-winners were: Longest drives at the 8th and 18th for those with handicaps up to 12: Toppie Myburgh and Rihan Grobler. For those with handicaps of 13 and more at the 18th: R Weber. Nearest the pin: Hadley McCormick

and Robbie Robertson.

The competition, which drew a large field and was well supported by Old Daliens, was organised by Dale parent Steve Eglinton. It raised R9 800 for TransDale Parents' Association funds.

NINE IN A ROW!

WE won again - for the ninth year running - but this time it was closer! That's the story of the 2003 Border Old Boys' golf tournament played this year at Leeuwkop Golf Course, north of Johannesburg.

Eleven points separated the teams of Old Daliens and Old Selbornians. Old Daliens scored 309 points and Old Selbornians 298. Queen's were third.

The Selbornians, determined to wrest the trophy from Dale, mounted a strong challenge with a high turnout, but class proved the decider. The team event, played as an individual stableford, was decided on the total of the ten best scores of each school.

Remarkably, Selborne claimed five of the best ten individual

prizes, Dale four and Queen's only one. But Dale's top ten players' scores totalled more.

Old Daliens Garvin Ogden, playing off an eight handicap, and Kevin Dolly, off seven, shared the lead on 38 points. Garvin won on a count-out. Selborne's James Scott (35), off ten, was third, Brad Manson (34) of Queen's, off three, was fourth.

The remaining eight of Dale's top ten were Terence Ladner (33), Barry de Blocq (30), Dale Ladner (30), Clyde Manson (29), Alan Sutton, Paul Naylor and Peter Wales (28) and Grant Rau (27).

Selborne's leading scorers behind James Scott were Angus Partridge and Alan Houghton (32), Andrew Schwultz (31),



YET AGAIN ... Old Selbornian president Eugene (Bushy) Bester hands the trophy back to Old Dalian chairman Dave Sephton-Poultny
• Picture: DAVID DAVIES

Richard Niblock-Stuart (31), Daniel Stephen (30), David Davies (29), Eugene Bester (28), Johnny Steenkamp and Clacks Miller (25).

• Last year the top ten Old Dalian golfers totalled the same score - 309, but the winning margin was much larger. Selborne scored 254.



Individual winner Garvin Ogden

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Where are they now?

'Time Gentlemen, please' at Wally's – and more golf time for Keith

AFTER nearly 40 years running Wally's Bottle Store, Keith Kieck has called it a day and retired to the golf course.

Keith joined his father, Wally, in the King William's Town business in 1963 after leaving Dale, where he had played first team rugby for two years. The bottle store and a later passion for golf have played major roles in his life.

At 58, he is now what his younger son Sean calls a "golf tour specialist." He plays the game almost every day and says he's "available for any away trip that's going."

Keith, his elder son Rory and Sean are also involved in property as a family sideline. In September they spent a long weekend at Sun City discussing business – and playing golf. Mum and "golf widow" Delene went along for the other pursuits the resort offers.

Keith has been a member of Nomads, the golfing fraternity, for 17 years and in November will be one of the club's marshals at the President's Cup event at Fancourt, near George.

He is in his 14th year as captain of the King Golf Club with a five-year break in the middle. He is trying hard to keep the club going by organising competitions, encouraging visitors and improving the state of the course.

• All three Kieck men are low-handicap golfers:

Keith and Rory are off five and Sean off six. Rory and Sean went from Sub A to matric at Dale.

• Delene Kieck is secretary to Neville Woolgar, senior partner at local attorneys Hutton and Cook and a past president of the Old Dalian Union.

• **Since the late 1970s Wally's has been a strong supporter of TransDale and its adverts have appeared in every issue. Thanks, Keith. Go well – on and off the course!**

Brothers in golf

RORY KIECK (matric class 1989), who won honours at golf at Dale and captained the first team, has "more talent than us all," says his dad.

While at school, at age 16 and 17, he played for Border Under 18s. At 17, he played for the Dolphins, a combined Border and EP Under 23 team. He also captained the Dale first cricket team.

Rory is director of the housing division of

Real People, an East London-based financial services company, including financing homes for lower-income groups.

Earlier he was a consultant for PriceWaterhouse-Coopers, chartered accountants, in East London. He and his wife Janet, nee Baxter, live in East London.

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SEAN KIECK (matric year 1991) captained the Dale first golf team and won a trophy as the club champion. While at Dale he represented the Border Golf Foundation in an inter-provincial tournament.

After leaving school he spent nine years with his dad at Wally's before moving to Port Elizabeth. He is now a financial adviser at the Old Mutual in the city and has taken a leading role in Old Dalian affairs there.

• For interested Eastern Province Old Dalians Sean's e-mail address is skieck@oldmutualpfa.com His cell phone number is 083-357-0077 and his fax number (041) 502-4365.

• Sean's twin sister, Shuna Harvey, runs a nursery school in East London.

SOUND WIZARD MATTHEW IS OFF TO EXETER

MATTHEW EGLINTON of Alberton, Gauteng, is Dale's 2004 Exeter Scholar. He will spend a year at Exeter Cathedral College, England.

Elder son of Steve and Wendy Eglinton, Matthew was awarded colours this year for his achievements in sound and lighting at the college.

"His natural ability in this field has led to his being indispensable to us at all major functions," said Headmaster James Haupt. He was also independent and widely travelled.

"He is very calm and collected, copes well with adversity and takes everything in his stride. He should be a wonderful ambassador for Dale at Exeter."

Matthew, 19, who toured Britain with Dale's first hockey team last year, played for the side again this year. He is a College House prefect.

• Wendy Eglinton is treasurer of the TransDale Parents' Association. In her six years on the committee she has also been secretary, vice-chair and responsible for transport. She is continuing as treasurer till Matthew leaves Dale at the end of this year.



• Steve organised last year's successful parents' golf tournament.

Meanwhile, GORDON POORTMAN (2002) has "had a great time" during his year as Dale's 2003 Exeter Scholar. His duties have varied from sports coaching, hostel duties and looking after sports equipment to supervising meal-times at the English west country cathedral college.

Gordon enjoyed a week's hockey tour of the Netherlands and a week in Switzerland with a

GORDON POORTMAN ...
"worth every fall and bruise"



MATTHEW EGLINTON ... at the controls at school functions

school group, where he found snow-boarding "worth every fall and bruise." He ran a six-day cricket clinic to cover his expenses.

He played cricket for the Exeter St James Club's first and second teams.

Gordon's elder brother STEVEN (1999) was Dale's Exeter Scholar in 2000. Their mother, Cecily Poortman, who won a Per Ardua Award last year for service to Dale, says the boys enjoyed "one the best years of their lives" at Exeter.

The day three Old Dalians met the friendly Walter Sisulu



SOWETO 1990: Three Old Dalians and family members had a rare opportunity to meet revered ANC leader Walter Sisulu during a township tour soon after his release from Robben Island.

From left: Jillian Meyer (now Byssche), her brother Colin Meyer (matric class 1981), Sisulu, Anglo American driver Sam Dagumi and brothers Alan (1978) and Stuart (1983) Sutton.

Colin, then working for Anglo in Johannesburg, arranged the tour through Sam. When their car drew up uninvited outside the Sisulu home, the 78-year-old leader came out to greet them.

"We were thrilled," said Colin. "He was very friendly and dignified and interested to know who we were. We chatted for about ten minutes." Alan's wife Linda took the picture. Walter Sisulu died on May 5 this year.

Where are they now?

FAMILY LINKS ... Mike and Denise Mourant with their Old Dalian sons (from left) Miles, Guy and Haydn

Golfing Mourants put down roots ...

now their passion is their business



• **Story: GISHMA ABRAHAM**
• **Picture: DEBBIE LOUW**

AS a banker, transferred from one branch to another, Old Dalian past-president Mike Mourant and his wife Denise lived a nomadic life while their three boys found stability at Dale and in the Dale family.

Now retired, Mike, who himself spent most of his school career at a Dale hostel, has put down roots in Port Elizabeth with his family all close by.

Elderest son Guy, his Kaffrarian High School wife Tania (née Mann) and their twin toddlers live in their newly-built luxury home in a subdivided section of Mike and Denise's large, leafy garden in Walmer.

Miles, the youngest, and Haydn live in neighbouring suburbs, Haydn with his wife Bernadine (née Kirk), who also attended KHS.

But it seems once a nomad always a nomad for this close-knit clan. Fortunately no longer by shuttling from one town to another, but through frequent rounds of golf – the family's sporting passion they now mix with business.

Miles, appropriately, is a member of the Nomad fraternity of golfers. He and Haydn run the family golf franchise The Pro Shop in Newton Park, with a little help from Dad. Rhodes University social science graduate Guy is now regional demand creation manager at Coca-Cola Fortune's plant in Port Elizabeth.

"Dale was a home away from home. It provided a foundation for us who were forever moving. Now, the stability we have is great, the family is really settled," said Guy, who matriculated in 1984 and played both first team cricket and rugby for the college.

After living in 11 different towns around South Africa, the Mourants moved from Durban to Gauteng in 1987, then to PE in 1993.

Mike, a second generation Dalian (1950-57), was then chief manager of three main First

National Bank branches. Five years later the family bought The Pro Shop PE franchise, creating jobs for their sons and others.

"This business is dynamic, ever-changing and it's challenging to keep up to date with new products," said Haydn (matric, 1986).

"More juniors and women have started to play the game, which brings a new dimension and excitement," said Miles (1990), who apart from being a Nomad golfer also represents Humewood Premier side. "Miles is a good single-figure handicap golfer," chipped in Haydn.

"Even though cricket was my first love at school, I later turned to golf," said Miles. He remembered how their Dale cricket coach took the team to play golf oblivious of how the game fascinated him. (Miles won colours for cricket and half colours for golf.)

The family is passionate about most sports, but golf especially stands out. Denise also plays.

Haydn, who studied marketing management, also worked at Coca-Cola in Johannesburg in the franchise division before he opted for the family business.

For decades the Mourants have supported Dale College. The college has seen three generations of this family pass through its corridors of education. Mike's father Gervaise, originally from Northern Rhodesia, was given a British Kaffrarian Savings Bank grant to study at Dale.

Gervaise spent ten years at Dale after attending KHS in Sub A and Sub B and was headboy of Fuller House in his final year.

Even though there are no more Mourants at Dale, the family is still in contact with Old Dalians, since Mike was involved in ODU and

parent activities for 17 years in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng. For five years he drove a minibus for Natal Dalians from Pinetown every school holiday to King William's Town and back. After the Natal ODU branch bought a bus called Penelope Jane (later known as Calamity Jane), Mike was the conductor.

He was ODU national president in 1986-87 and has attended about 28 Reunions.

"I've enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship that continues long after one leaves Dale," said Mike, a tradition which has been enjoyed by his father and his children.

Due to their nomadic lifestyle Dale became an important pillar in their lives. Their sons did not have to move from school to school, but were stable at one school.

"The boys always knew they would go to boarding school and it was beneficial to them that they did not move around with us. The friends the boys made while at Dale were important to them, as were the Dale parents."

"They were almost like surrogate parents," Mike added. And now happily retired, Mike and Denise take pleasure in their twin granddaughters who live a stone's throw away, quite a turnaround compared to the distance that often separated them from their own children.

Denise, herself an avid supporter of the college and the ODU, is proud of what her boys achieved while at Dale and is grateful to the home-away-from-home Dale provided.

• Mike's younger brother Ken, who lives in Gauteng, was a member of the unbeaten 1964 First XV, captained by Charlie Pope. It included Mike Jennings, who later became a Springbok and now lives in Bedfordview.

In 1981 Ken organised a return trip by 1964 team members to King William's Town for two Reunion games and a grand get-together.

I-GIBBLY-I-O! What does this once-familiar Dale rugby chant mean? Even Dale historian Lyle (LLE) Wood (matric class 1933) does not know.

He recalls that it was not original when introduced to Dale rugby fans back in 1924 by a young Dalian, Hymie Liebman of Pretoria. A boarder at the former College House (later Sutton), Hymie left Dale around 1928.

Popular among Dale fans and generations of Old Dalians ever since, it is heard less frequently today – and even less so at this year's Reunion. More than ever it was needed then to spur on the Dale first team to win their close encounter with Selborne.

What does this old Dale chant mean?

Chanted in full, it goes like this: I-GIBBLY-I-O! I-GIBBLY-I-O! I-GIBBLY-I-O! DALE!
Some Old Dalians of a different era recall it as I-DIBBILLY-I-O!

One of its most vocal exponents in recent years was the late Bill (Bucket) Beckley (1946), who left us in 2001 to join that great Dale "grandstand in the sky."

Another ardent chanter, Old Dalian PRO Jack

Rosenberg says he is "too old" to do it now. "Bucket used to egg me on. I miss him a lot – it's not the same without him shouting at the ref and telling the opposition to kick a drop (when they're about to score a try)."

"Bucket's" nephew, Michael Beckley (1983), says the chant was passed on to him by his Old Dalian father, Barry (1947), but its origin remains a mystery.

• Are there any Old Dalians with long memories who can tell us: What does this chant mean? What strange language is this? Where did Hymie Liebman find it before he brought it to Dale? Perhaps from the "Old Transvaal."

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Where are they now?

FROM KOMGA TO PHUKET

Old Dalian Peter drops out of top job to run a pub in Thailand

• Old Dalian Peter Malherbe writes about his change of life – from a top position on South Africa's biggest newspaper to owning and running a bar-restaurant on an island in Thailand.

If someone had told me a few years back that one day I would quit the Sunday Times and move off to live in the Far East I would have thought they were crazy.

After all, after 22 years the newspaper was "in my blood" and I could not imagine waking up on a Sunday without knowing the headlines – and the inside stories behind them.

I started off at the newspaper in 1980 working under two Old Dalians – Tertius Myburgh, the editor, and Joe Sutton, the managing editor. I was known as the "Young Old Dalian" (Notably, both Tertius and Peter came from the small Border town of Komga.)

Two decades later I would find myself in the position of managing editor – and, for six months, as acting editor of that amazing newspaper. It had been a fulfilling, stimulating time on the most incredible newspaper. I loved it. And I knew I would probably be there until I retired.

And then I went to Thailand on holiday. I have travelled widely and spent 18 months in London working in the Sunday Times bureau there. (In 1993, TransDale featured Peter's move in a story headlined, "From Komga to Camillagate".)

I have enjoyed the stimulation of foreign travel, but always longed to be back at "home". But Thailand was a different matter.

I don't know how I ended up choosing Thailand for a holiday – probably because it was cheap. I never looked back. After countless trips to Thailand over two years, I decided in October last year to give up my job and settle in Thailand for a while.

And here I still am, one year later. And truly enjoying it. I live in Patong Beach, which is the major tourist centre of Phuket, an island on the southern tip of Thailand.

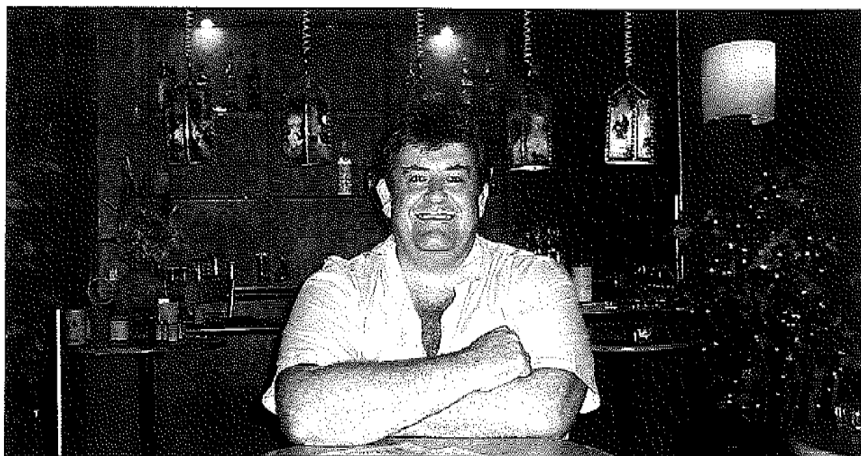
It's not very big – certainly smaller than King William's Town. But it has more than 100 hotels and 300 bars and restaurants, so is a major holiday centre. I rent an apartment away from the major tourist area where many of the Thai people live.

After six months of loitering on the beach and in the bars, a friend of mine who had also moved here from South Africa suggested we start up a bar to keep ourselves busy and make some money. And so we ended up opening and running a bar-restaurant called Star Bar Café.

What a learning experience that has been! Don't ever underestimate the difficulty of setting up a business in a foreign land where you don't understand the language, the laws or the customs.

But we made it and have done everything "by the book" – we have work permits, pay taxes and I have a one-year visa to live here.

We have made amazing friends from all over the world in the bar; it really is very different owning a bar to being a customer. Believe me, you can't begin to imagine the stories I get to



PUBLICAN Peter Malherbe in his bar on the island of Phuket in Thailand

I love it here – but I do miss those braais back home

hear in the early hours of the morning. Not even the Sunday Times could match these tales!

Our bar has to close at 2 am, since the Thai government began a social order campaign. The campaign was aimed at cracking down on the sex industry and limiting drug abuse.

Certainly the sex industry is on the way out in Thailand – the number of go-go bars and massage parlours has definitely declined over the past few years – and most tourists come here for the spas and the cuisine these days.

But, of course, it still goes on – and it's been a real eye-opener living alongside many of the go-go girls and boys, transvestites and massage ladies!

Family and friends who have been to visit understand the charm of Thailand. Patong Beach is like a cross between a small Eastern Cape village and a major city.

The atmosphere among the residents is that of a small town, where everybody knows what everybody else is doing and there is a genuine sense of community.

But that is coupled with incredible resorts, 24-hour shopping and dining and the facilities only cities provide. Phuket Town in the middle of the island – about 20 minutes drive from Patong Beach – is the commercial centre of the island.

The one thing I really miss most about South Africa are the braais. I love Thai food, but nothing compares with a good South African braai with lamb chops, boerewors and steak.

Every now and again, the few South Africans around do attempt a braai using beef imported from New Zealand, but it's not really the same. Now I will wait until I get home for Christmas to get my fill again.

I keep up with the news from home by reading the Bangkok Post, a really good English

newspaper, and watching BBC or CNN. And, of course, every Sunday I read the Sunday Times on the internet.

I keep a close watch on our sports teams – many Australian bars carry all the rugby and cricket matches live. I also keep track of the Dale rugby results through my brothers and friends back in the Eastern Cape.

The number of South Africans visiting Phuket is still relatively small – you certainly don't run into one every day. Many people go to Bangkok, but don't bother to make the trip down south. Believe me, it's worth it.

As international destinations go, it's very cheap – roughly about the same cost as going on holiday back home. A good hotel room will cost about R300-400 a night, dinner at a Thai restaurant about R50 and a massage on the beach about R40!

The only thing that is quite expensive is alcohol – a beer in a bar costs about R10-R15. But you can buy beer and whisky at the local supermarkets pretty cheaply.

Our bar is more reasonable than most of our competitors – we only charge 20 baht (less than R4) for a coke and 50 baht R10 for a whisky and soda.

Everyone asks me how long I will stay and whether I will ever go home. The answer is: I really don't know. I will stay for as long as I am enjoying it and can afford it.

I would imagine that I will head back to South Africa when that time comes. It's still my home and few things can compare to a braai with friends after watching the Springboks beating the Aussies or the All Blacks at rugby (pretty rare these days, I'll admit.)

But I will have learnt a great deal from my stay here, things that I can use back in South Africa. As for going back into journalism, I'm not sure.

Perhaps I'll just open another branch of the Star Bar Café somewhere. Who knows? And that's the beauty of taking a life-changing gamble in your early 40s. You never know where life can take you!

• Peter still writes regular travel features for the Sunday Times.

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Where are they now?

Jace wins a top Masonry award

"IT'S like being made a prefect or getting an honours blazer at Dale," says Gauteng Old Dalian John (Jace) Tennier of a top Freemasonry award he received in Britain this year.

Jace (matric class 1962) was one of four South Africans honoured at the Grand Lodge, Great Queen Street, near Covent Garden, London. This was followed by a banquet presided over by the Duke of Kent in the Lincoln Room of the Savoy Hotel.

A Freemason for 30 years, he is the District Grand Treasurer of the SA North District, which includes the former Transvaal, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho and Mauritius. This is the biggest district in Freemasonry in the world.

Now aged 58, he has been appointed an officer in the United Grand Lodge of England, the controlling body of English masonry in South Africa and the rest of the world. He holds the rank of Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, which makes him one of the highest-ranking Freemasons in South Africa.

The Duke of Kent, as the Grand Master of English Freemasonry, presented the awards in Grand Lodge and was then the main speaker at the banquet on April 30.

"Getting district rank in masonry is like getting colours at school," Jace told TransDale. "Getting London rank is like honours."

"For those who would like to know," Jace told TransDale, "the principles on which Freemasonry is founded are friendship amongst men, providing relief to the less fortunate and moral improvement

of oneself as an individual."

While at Dale Jace played lock forward for first rugby team in 1961-62. He was also in the athletics team that won the Hirsch Shield and was a hostel prefect at Diocesan.

He thoroughly enjoyed coming back to the school in 2002 when his 1962 matric class had their 40-year reunion, and seeing friends, some of whom he hadn't met since schooldays.

A commerce graduate of Wits University, he is a senior partner in Myers, Tennier and Co, chartered accountants, in Parktown North, Johannesburg. He started the firm 30 years ago and a number of Dale boys have passed through his hands as articled clerks, including his former newp, Alan Hutton.

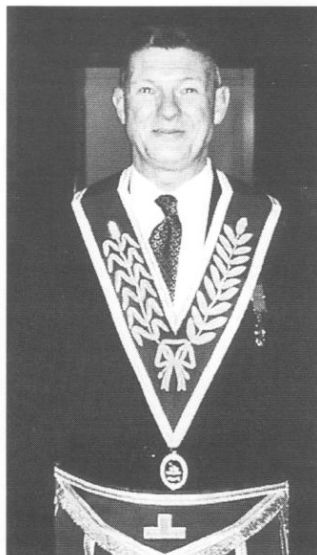
For 30 years after leaving school Jace played club rugby for Wits University. In 1993, at age 48, he joined a Villagers Club, Cape Town, "golden oldies" tour of Italy, Slovenia and Ireland.

They took part in a world competition of "golden oldies," winning three of their four games and losing only to an Irish side "loaded with youngsters!"

With advancing age, Jace kept fit by playing touch rugby at lunch-time, but had to give this up at the beginning of this year due to "a back that has just had too much wear and tear!"

He now plays snooker socially, attends gym regularly and plans to take up golf when he turns 60 "to keep me out of trouble."

Jace has been married twice and presently enjoys the company of "a charming companion - yes, female."



JACE TENNIER ... it's like getting honours at school

He has three children, a daughter Kelly, aged 30, who is married and lives in Sydney, Australia. She is a CIS and works there for Dimension Data. Jace is going over to visit her this Christmas.

He has a son Craig, 28, single, who is also a CA (SA) and lives in London, where he works for Credit Suisse First Boston Bank.

Jace's 17-year-old daughter Ashleigh, who lives with him, is in Grade 11 at Kingsmead College, Johannesburg. She is, he says, a very good athlete, a sprinter.

WAYNE MOLEFE, Dalian finalist in the 2002 Eastern Cape Matric of the Year contest, is doing well as a student at UCT. He obtained a bursary from chartered accountants Deloitte and Touche.

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FRANCIS KINGSTON (1998) has graduated BComm from Rhodes and is working for an employment agency in Johannesburg. He won Dale colours for rugby as a flank forward in his matric year.

In memory of Abe...

THE BROTHER of an Old Dalian killed in the Second World War has presented the college with a certificate of honour awarded to him in 1935 for distinction in history and arithmetic in Std 7A.

Nathan Abramowitz, now living in Canada, was eight years old when his brother Abraham (Abe) died while serving in the South African Air Force. Abe was a member of the unbeaten 1938 Dale first rugby team and also won his athletics colours for the shot putt.

In a letter to Headmaster James Haupt, Nathan said he had kept the certificate since his mother's death in 1969. Mr Haupt passed the certificate on to Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg and it now hangs in the Presidents' Room.

Nathan has given his nephew two Dale magazines with articles in Abe's memory, along with Abe's photo album and a book made from Abe's flying logbook. He lives in North York, Ontario.

Craig moves from UK to Tanzania

CRAIG WOOD (post-matric 1992), formerly of Randburg, has started a new job with a group of consulting engineers based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

A mechanical engineer, he has left Britain after completing the design of a \$160-million pharmaceutical plant to be built in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the commissioning of a 'flu vaccine manufacturing facility in Liverpool.

He is now the consulting engineer for several projects in Tanzania, including Stanbic's new regional headquarters in Dar es Salaam.

While living in Guildford, England, Craig flew to South Africa for last year's Reunion with his girlfriend, Carrie Patrick. They became engaged in June and will marry in February 2004. Craig's e-mail address: craig.wood@howardhumphreys.co.tz

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Where are they now?

Dale, the Tshwete family and I

Now Steve's red-and-black son breaks into poetry

BY TRACI MACKIE

(former editor of *The Mercury*, King William's Town, who has published a poetry book by Old Dalian Mayihlome Tshwete, son of the late Steve Tshwete)

NEVER take the importance of old school ties for granted. That's what I've learnt as I've grown older and wiser. My privilege was to attend Kaffrarian High School for Girls in King William's Town and that obviously brought close links to Dale.

The fact that my late brother, Spencer Mackie, was a pupil there for his whole school life strengthened my relationship with the college.

I've just published a book and as fate would have it the writer is an Old Dalian. Now that is not coincidence. For our old alma maters forged a relationship that has spanned more than a decade and across hundreds of miles.

Mayihlome Tshwete was eight years old when I first met him. He was among the first children of colour to attend Dale. I was then editor of *The Mercury* (later the *Kei Mercury* and now defunct.)

Mayihlome's famous dad, the late Cabinet Minister Steve Tshwete, had just returned from exile with his family, including Mayihlome, his younger sister Yonda and Steve's nephew, Monde Zondeki, now a South African cricketer.

Steve asked me to keep an eye on the youngsters, as the boys became part of a tradition that had long been his dream – to be a Dalian.

I never thought then that my journey with the Tshwete family would lead to publishing Mayihlome's poetry book, *Road from Now*. That the book is black and red could arguably also not be coincidental.

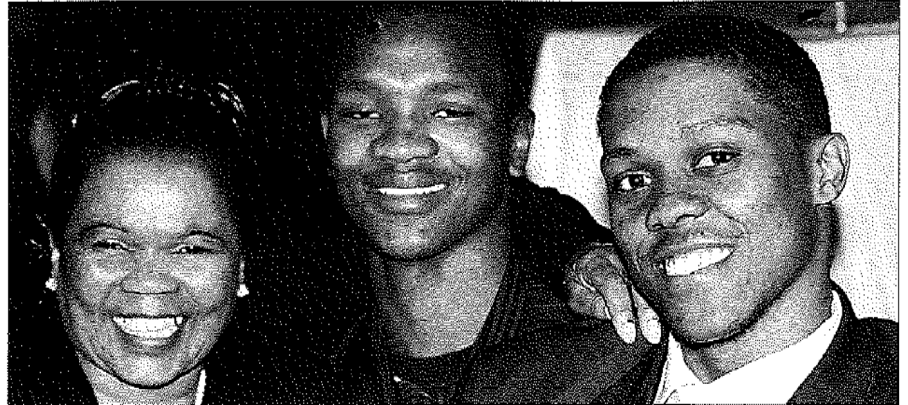
Road from Now is more than just a poignant collection of well-scripted verse about life and South Africa; it is a dream come true for two ordinary people, one to become a publisher and the other a poet.

My career path was shaped by Dale. Had it not have been for the schools' news rag *Khale*, which I co-edited with 1983 college headboy Stuart (Tickie) Sutton, I probably would never have ended up in publishing.

TransDale editor Joe Sutton is Tickie's father, who as a newspaperman at the *Sunday Times* was my mentor.

Mayihlome moved from Dale to Wynberg Boys' High in Cape Town when he was in Standard Eight to be closer to his parents.

His awakening to the arts came much earlier, as a Standard Four student at Dale Junior. When I asked him once what impact Dale had made on his life he singled out his introduc-



FAMILY TIES ... Mayihlome Tshwete, his mother Pam and cousin Monde Zondeki (centre) at a youth celebration at Fish Hoek, where Pam is the local MP. *Road from Now* was the main feature of the function at which Deputy President Jacob Zuma and Education Minister Kader Asmal were guest speakers.



PUBLISHER AND POET: Old Dalian Mayihlome Tshwete with his publisher, Traci Mackie, at the Deputy President's residence in Cape Town.

• **Picture: MARTHINUS HATTINGH**

tion to drama, arts and the English language by his teacher, Patricia Thatcher.

His closest friends remain Old Dalians Akhona Tokwe, Tango Nukhana and his cousin Monde, who toured England with the SA cricket team this year.

Akhona, who like Mayihlome is studying marketing in Cape Town, helped Mayihlome organise the launch of his book to the youth a glitzy celebration in Cape Town.

We were lucky to secure a personal foreword by President Thabo Mbeki. I am told this is not easy given his tight schedule and repeated requests for such gestures.

Education Minister Professor Kader Asmal approved the book for distribution to high school libraries.

Some liken Mayihlome and my relationship to that of a crotchety aunt determined to affect some guidance and a strong-willed 20-year-old, not shy to speak his mind. And yes, in true Dale family tradition, Mayihlome has become like one of my own; a bond strengthened the night his father died when he was staying with my husband and me in Port Elizabeth.

My own little boys may never be Dalians, but through people like Mayihlome and many others there will always be Dale in their lives.

The other evening my husband and I had supper with Edgar van Deventer (whose son Adrian was headboy of Dale in 1996), ex-headmaster Malcom (Andy) Andrew and his wife Pam.

Andy's yearning to write a book about King slipped out. So, who knows, I might have another Old Dalian on my publishing hands!

• Mayihlome's *Road from Now* is available from Yithethe Publishing, (041) 581-2280 or info@yithethe.co.za. Cost, R87,55, includes postage and 14 per cent VAT.

• Traci Mackie owns an Eastern Cape publishing company, Yithethe Publishing. It publishes the province's official tourism magazine, *Madiba Action*, which she edits.

LYLE (LLF) WOOD (1932), 89-year-old Old Dalian historian, who is recovering from eye surgery, has moved to another East London retirement home.

After many years in The Birmingham, in down-town Oxford Street, he is now happily settled in The Manor, which also offers frail care services, in Southernwood.

LLF has not been able to attend

Veteran Old Dalians recovering

Old Dalian executive meetings or Dale rugby matches, but is coming along fine, says fellow ODU past-president Barry Turner, who keeps a caring eye on his progress. LLF's phone number is (043) 743-4327.

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JACK ROSENBERG (1945), Old

Dalian PRO, is recovering well from knee replacement surgery. After a few weeks of care while staying with Paterson House warden Zane Hagemann and his wife Barbara, Jack returned to the ODU office on crutches.

In an e-mail to Old Dalians across

the world Jack thanked all those who contributed to a fund to help meet his medical expenses.

• Old Dalians were alarmed to learn in the third term that they could not expect their weekly e-mailed newsletter because "Jack's stiffy has crashed." We were soon assured that this was purely a computer glitch. Everything else is in good working order.

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Where are they now?

Our Tommy is now the Rev Tom Higgs

WATCHED by his proud family, 73-year-old Tom Higgs, Old Dalian, former teacher and rugby coach, has been ordained an Anglican minister – 18 years since he survived cancer.

A day after the ceremony Tom and his wife Mary celebrated their golden wedding and renewed their 50-year-old marriage vows at their home church in Strand, in the Western Cape.

Tom's ordination came after three-and-a-half years' study and a long period of preparation, more than 50 years after he graduated BA and BA (Hons) at Rhodes.

Known to Old Dalians as Tommy, he matriculated at Dale in 1946, taught at the college, coached the First XV and was warden of Diocesan Hostel. He became head of Dale Primary and was headmaster of Queen's College from 1965 till 1974.

His ordination at St John's Church, Strand, on July 6, was conducted in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa before a multi-racial congregation of 350 people. "It was a wonderful, exciting event," said Mary. "It was emotional," said Tom. What was important to him was that people of diverse colours shared in the ceremony and were thrilled by it.

[At age 55, Tom was struck down by cancer of the colon. His surgeon gave him a 75 per cent chance of surviving five years. After enjoying 15 years without a recurrence he resolved to study to enter the Church.]

The Rt Rev Merwyn Castle, Bishop of False Bay, conducted the ceremony.

Among the 30 members present from Tom and Mary's extended family were their son Robert of Pretoria and daughters Marion Barrell, an educational consultant of Johannesburg, and Alison Bodensten, a schoolteacher of Cape Town.

Robert, a former submarine commander and SA Naval and Defence Attache in Washington, is now public relations officer of the Navy. A third daughter, Kathleen Page, sent greetings from Christchurch, New Zealand.



ALAN STAPLETON (centre), one of three Old Dalians in the Eastern Cape supermarket business, pictured with his brothers MICHAEL (left) and GRAHAM at this year's Dale Reunion

SUTTON SQUARE STORE WINS TOP AWARD

SUTTON SQUARE SPAR, the supermarket in Dale's former Sutton House, has won an award in the year when Spar Eastern Cape stores celebrated their tenth anniversary.

Known as the company's Brand Award, this is awarded every year to the store which has shown the most loyalty to the Spar house brand. This is the second time this Spar has won the award – the first was in 1998. It was also rated one of the top ten stores in the Eastern Cape in 2001 and 2002.

Sutton Square Spar was one of the first businesses to open in the renovated Sutton Square after the building was sold to developers in 1995.

Sutton House was the original home of Dale College and thousands of Dalians passed through its portals after it became a boarding hostel.

The Spar at Sutton Square is owned by Trevor and Caz Blunden who have run it since it opened in 1997.

"We are enjoying the country-style living in the sleepy hollow of King," says Caz, a former KHS girl. "The schools still offer a great, rounded education for our children, who are well prepared for life in an integrated society."

Caz grew up in King and matriculated at KHS in 1981. She is the daughter of Old Dalian Ray Radue, former MP for King William's Town, and is niece of Gary Radue, Old Dalian Springbok light tackle angler.

Her brother Dean matriculated at Dale in 1978 and this year celebrated his 25th Reunion year since leaving Dale (see Pages 11-12). Caz serves on

the KHS Governing Body and the Old Girls' Committee.

The Blundens have three children, Michael, aged 11, in Grade 5 at Dale Junior, and two daughters, Sarah, 8, in Grade 3 at KHS and Bridget, who will be in Grade R at KHS Pre-primary in 2004.

Trevor matriculated at Hilton College where his rugby coach was Springbok Andy van der Watt, who married a King girl, Vere Stanford, daughter of a former King William's Town attorney, Bob Stanford. Dale Headmaster James Haupt was a teacher at Hilton in Trevor's final year.

Trevor was with Spar Natal as purchasing manager and Caz was a primary school teacher till they moved to King in January 1997.

"We are really happy in King considering that I never thought we would end up back here. The schooling our children are getting at Dale Junior and KHS is phenomenal."

Master swimmer

THE REV TOMMY BARTLEY (1953), who has "retired" to Durban, from the Anglican ministry in Himeville, KwaZulu-Natal, won two silvers and a bronze medal at this year's SA Masters' swimming championships in Durban. He will be 69 in January.

The silvers were in the 50 m breaststroke and the 200 m individual medley and the bronze in the 50 m freestyle. Far from retiring, Tommy is assisting in the St Agnes parish, Kloof, "until they carry me out one day."

Key roles for Old Dalians in East Cape chain store

THREE Old Dalians hold senior positions in Spar Eastern Cape, the supermarket chain's regional headquarters in Port Elizabeth. They are financial director Mark Godfrey (matric year 1983), chief groceries buyer Alan Stapleton (1976) and development manager Jonathan Staples (1991).

• MARK GODFREY was dux scholar at Dale in his matric year in which he was also a prefect and headboy of Fuller House.

He graduated BComm, CTA (cum laude) at the University of Port Elizabeth and was awarded his CA (SA) in 1988. He joined Spar as financial director in 1996.

While at Dale Mark won academic colours and athletic colours, as a 400 and 800 metres runner. He chaired the Argo committee, on which various Dale societies are represented.

After leaving Dale he obtained provincial athletics colours for both Eastern Province and Border.

Mark and his wife Wendy have three sons, Matt, 13, and Ryan, 11, and Dale, seven months. Mark's hobby is military aviation.

• ALAN STAPLETON (1976) spent his entire schooling at Dale. He was deputy headboy of both the college and Dale Junior and played first team cricket, rugby and squash. He represented Border Schools at squash from 1974-76 and cricket in 1976.

After graduating BA, HDE, at UPE in 1981 he took an honours degree in English (second language teaching) at Rhodes.

He taught at Grey High School until 1996 where he was a head of department and a matric standard head. He moved to Spar in October 1996 as a groceries buyer and is now chief groceries buyer.

Alan played provincial squash for Eastern Province and has been involved in SA administration and coaching. He is still playing first-league squash in PE but is "slowing down fast." He and his wife Trish, a PE girl, have a son Ian, 14, and a daughter Kerry, 12.

• JONATHAN STAPLES (1991) was a member of the unbeaten 1990 Dale first rugby team and the 1991 side that lost only one match. He represented the Border Project Team in 1990 and the Craven Week side which reached the final in 1991.

A school prefect and headboy of Langham House, he also played first and second team waterpolo. He graduated at UPE in 1997 in building arts and architecture, joined Spar as a project manager in 2002 and is now (regional) development manager.

A No 8 or flanker, Jonathan won 38 caps for Eastern Province from 1997 to 2002 after captaining the EP Under 21s and the EP Presidents' teams. He also led the 1997 UPE first team that won the grand challenge.

Jonathan and his wife Lauren (née Wienand of Graaff-Reinet) have a baby daughter Gabriella.

In memory of ...

OLD DALIAN Nummy Zasman (1949) has sponsored a cricket bat in memory of his son Clint (1983), who was shot dead in a hold-up in Maritzburg in 2001.

The bat was presented by Indian captain Saurav Ganguly to a Maritzburg schoolboy, Scele Mdalose, before the India-Namibia game in March. The award will be made yearly to a promising young Midlands cricketer.

From left: Coach and sports organiser Tommy Hammond, who will administer the award,



winner Scele Mdalose, Saurav Ganguly and Nummy Zasman of Johannesburg. Clint was a photo-

grapher on the Natal Witness.
• Picture: IAN CARBUTT, Natal Witness

Where are they now?

Singing preacher answers a call to troubled Ireland

OLD DALIAN pastor-musician and singer Wayne Carr (matric class 1978) and his wife Heather have embarked on a new spiritual challenge in one of the world's trouble spots, Northern Ireland.

With their children, Tammy-Leigh, aged 15, Ashley, 12, and David, 6, they left Johannesburg in May on a one-way ticket to start a new church in Belfast.

Wayne's move is a fulfilment of a seven-year-old dream and follows a 20-year association with Cornerstone, a nearly 900-strong congregation in Bedfordview, east of Johannesburg. There he was both pastor and worship leader (musical director) from 1989.

Cornerstone is part of the charismatic New Covenant Ministries International which has congregations in 29 countries worldwide. The NCMI and Cornerstone will be assisting Wayne and Heather in their new mission.

Wayne believes that they were called to Ireland by God. It took seven years of waiting and preparation before the plan came together early this year.

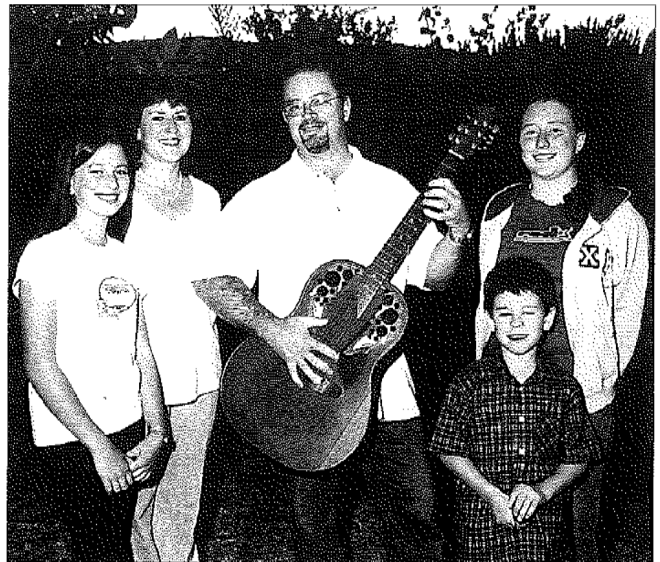
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With their children, Tammy-Leigh, aged 15, Ashley, 12, and David, 6, they left Johannesburg in May on a one-way ticket to start a new church in Belfast.

Wayne's move is a fulfilment of a seven-year-old dream and follows a 20-year association with Cornerstone, a nearly 900-strong congregation in Bedfordview, east of Johannesburg. There he was both pastor and worship leader (musical director) from 1989.

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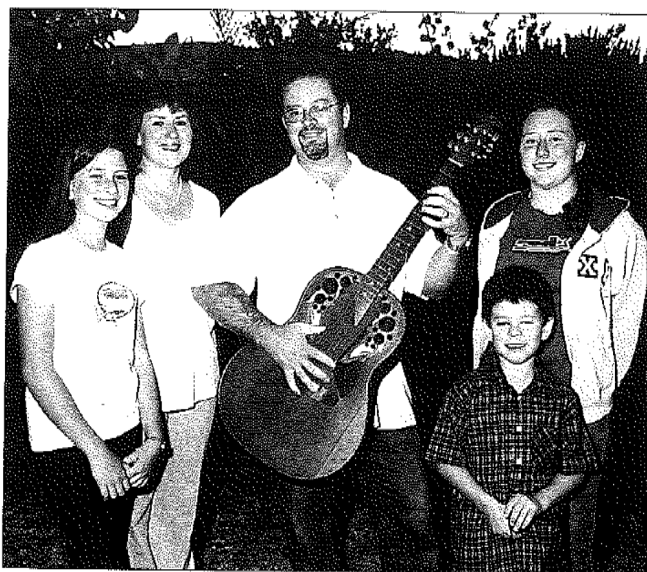
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PETER PRATT: All-round sportsman, entertainer

IN most groups of classmates one person stands out as a "character" – the jester, the life and soul of the party. In the Dale matric class of 1944 he was Peter Pratt, who has died in George, aged 76.

An all-round sportsman, he played first team rugby, cricket, tennis and swimming. In later years, he added golf and hockey to his talents. "Sport was the love of his life," says his wife Jean. "He did well in any sport he took up."

A natural entertainer, Peter performed with distinction at the annual school Sing-Song, a musical and dramatic evening that has not stood the test of time.

Later he graduated to local amateur musicals. He played the ukulele and the guitar – and he sang.

Nine years ago when survivors of the Class of '44 met again at the Dale Reunion, Peter (nicknamed

Pieppie) entertained his old mates at a private lunch.

That evening he was persuaded to repeat it at the Old Dalian dinner-dance. The song he made his own was a naughty version of that catchy old melody, "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" Once again Peter was the life and soul of the party.

Peter came to Dale from Johannesburg after attending King Edward VII Prep School. He was awarded colours for cricket in his last three years and for rugby and tennis in his matric year. He was a member of the Dale swimming team which won the Athlone Shield in 1944.

He joined the Army and served in Egypt and Italy in the final months of the Second World War. Returning to Johannesburg, he became a sales representative for a printing company and captained



PETER PRATT ... the life and soul of the party

the Old Edwardians' first cricket team which won the premier league in 1957-58. He also played hockey for Old Eds.

Peter ran his firm's Johannesburg office until 1968 when he retired for medical reasons. Tired of the "rat race," he and Jean moved to the quieter atmosphere

of George where they ran a holiday resort and tea garden as partners of his Dale schoolmate, Wally Stafford, and his wife June.

After this partnership was dissolved he ran a recycling business until he retired in 1988. In poor health since suffering a stroke five years ago, he broke his hip for the second time last December and died on January 1 after an operation.

"Peter spent a lot of time teaching his grandsons and their friends to play cricket," said Jean. He leaves three daughters, Jennifer Lloyd of Cape Town and Susan Jeffereys and Bridget Molzen of George, three grandsons and three grand-daughters.

• Peter's youngest grandson, Peder-Allan, aged 11, carries his nickname, Pieppie.

• Quentin Coaker, a close friend and former classmate, writes: "For all his sporting ability, Peter was a very modest man. He never boasted about his achievements. He was an extrovert but he never showed off. It came naturally."

HARRY HARE-BOWERS: He loved teaching with a passion

HARRY HARE-BOWERS, who has died in East London aged 91, loved teaching with a passion. He taught for 55 years – until he was 76.

Ten of those years were spent at Dale College, where he was a popular teacher, edited the school magazine and coached tennis and hockey.

"He strived to be firm but fair," said Old Dalian John van der Merwe in a tribute at Harry's funeral. "Whether in the classroom or on the tennis court, he was everyone's favourite teacher. He was always the perfect gentleman."

Germiston-born Henry Thompson Hare-Bowers was a sickly child. His parents took him to America so his grandmother, a nurse, could help care for him.

Back in South Africa he matriculated at Jan van Riebeeck College, Cape Town, and graduated at UCT. In 1944, after teaching at Selborne College, Templeton High in Bedford and Umtata High, he joined the staff of Dale College, where he had spent a brief spell as a teacher in 1935.

On his first day he was welcomed by Jock Alison, chairman of the school committee, as "Mr Hairs Boozie from Oem-ta-ta." This was a story Harry loved to tell. "I was ragged in the staff room for a long time afterwards," he said.

At Umtata he had taught commercial subjects. "I joined Dale to gain experience in teaching in English, Afrikaans, Latin, history and mathematics," he wrote later. He held degrees from UCT in English and Nederlands and a UNISA degree in Latin and English.

He taught at Dale until 1954 except for six-month spell as vice-principal of Stutterheim High

School and left to become principal of Peddie Secondary School.

The Dale College Magazine said he had served the school with distinction both as a conscientious teacher and an able and energetic editor. In the days when teachers played for the school, he represented Dale in the Border hockey league.

After nine years at Peddie, Harry moved to the Grahamstown Training College as a senior lecturer – one of the college's first male lecturers. When the college closed he taught Latin and coached tennis at Graeme College until he retired at 76 in 1988.

Harry was married for 42 years to Phyllis, née Stanton, who died in 1983. At 72, he married Rosemary, a widow who had herself been married for 31 years.

John Sadler, who was at Dale during the 1940s as a wartime evacuee from Britain, recalls that Harry was his hockey coach. From Ontario, Canada, John writes: "I broke his knee with my stick during a game. For days afterwards I had to take him to school on the bar of my bike."

In 1994 Harry and Rosemary joined veterans of the 1944 matric class at the Dale Reunion. Former first team tennis player Peter Pratt (whose death is reported on this page) then described Harry as "the underarm tennis coach," because Harry always served the ball underarm.

Harry died on August 22. He

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JOHN VAN DER MERWE, an Old Dalian (1958-70) who is Rosemary Hare-Bowers's son-in-law, recalled these stories in his funeral tribute:

• At Umtata High, Harry made a deal with a boy he had to punish. When he hit the bench with his cane the boy cried out as if he had been caned.

• In his last year at Graeme College, while chugging along in his Austin Apache, Harry stopped to offer a pupil a lift to school. "No thank you sir, I'm in a hurry," the boy replied.

• At 91, on the night before he died, Harry looked around his hospital bed, counted his visitors, then counted them in Latin. He then looked up and said: "I've had a good innings."

"Those were his last words to me," said John.

leaves a daughter, Glynis Driver of Grahamstown, and a son Peter, who lives in London and attended the funeral in Beacon Bay. A grandson died at a young age.

Old Dalian past-president Barry Turner attended Harry's funeral in Beacon Bay. Former pupils of Peddie Secondary School, Umtata High and ex-students of the Grahamstown Training College were also present.



PERCY BLAKEMORE: Sportsman of many talents

PETER (Percy) BLAKEMORE (matric class 1953), an all-round sportsman who played provincial cricket in the early 1960s, has died in Kimberley, aged 68.

At Dale, he played first team cricket, rugby and tennis. He was also a member of the athletics team that took part in the Eastern Provincial and Border championships for the Hirsch Shield.

His nickname of Percy originated at Dale and was based on Sir Percy Blakeney, the main character in a network book, "The Scarlet Pimpernel." He was known as Percy for the rest of his life.

A left-arm medium-paced bowler and right-hand batsman, Percy played cricket for Dale for three years.

He was a member of the team that won the Butt Shield in the 1951-52 season by topping the King William's Town and District senior cricket league for the first time since 1925. Dale won the shield again the following season.

At rugby, while a centre, he was described as the "most versatile player in the First XV" in 1952. But he broke his wrist in his third game for the team in 1953 and was out for the rest of the season.

Percy played for Border Schools at cricket and after leaving school for Border at squash, Border Country Districts at cricket and Griquas at cricket, rugby, squash and bowls.

He leaves his wife Pat, two children Stephen and Sharon, six grandchildren and a sister Joan.

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

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By JOE SUTTON

FELLOW teachers called him "Workie" but to thousands of Daliens he was affectionately "Shops" – from the original "Workshops."

Evan Campbell Workman, who died in Cape Town on June 8 this year, was one of Dale's most-loved and longest-serving teachers. He was 97.

Shops gave virtually his whole career to Dale. He taught at the college for 41 years – including 17 as warden of Presby, the Presbyterian Hostel, later known as Paterson House. He served five headmasters, of whom two had been his pupils.

He was the last survivor of a band of stalwart teachers that served Dale College for decades from the late 1920s until years after the Second World War.

In those difficult years of the 1930s Depression, a war in which hundreds of Old Daliens died and in the years of adjustment that followed, these teachers gave Dale the stability it needed.

Thousands of Daliens passed through Shops (or Shoppie) Workman's hands in the senior science and maths class. For the last eight years before his retirement in 1968 he was a member of the Paterson House Hostel Committee; for the last three he was second vice-principal of the college.

In a farewell tribute, the 1968 Dale Magazine said he had filled these positions "with his customary efficiency and clear-sightedness." He had given 41 years of his life to the school.

Hundreds of old Presby boys would remember their warden with affection. "The name Workman has, in fact, become synonymous with Paterson House."

Shops was national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1956 – one of only two teachers to hold this office though they were not educated at Dale.

"Mr E C Workman has established himself as a man of strong personal convictions, unbounding kindness and a keen sense of humour," said the Dale Magazine.

It paid tribute to his "inherent qualities" of "shrewd judgment of human nature (and that of school-boys!) and a singular ability as an

SHOPS WORKMAN: He gave his career to Dale



SHOPS WORKMAN ... the last survivor

administrator."

"Mr and Mrs Workman have served Dale admirably and, amidst a changing world with fluctuating standards, have helped to provide that stability that is so essential."

Shops lost the sight of his right eye in an accident in the science laboratory at Dale College in 1938. An explosion occurred during an experiment he was conducting involving copper oxide and hydrogen.

Born in Cambridge, East London, the son of an Irish Presbyterian minister, Shops came to Dale in 1928. He had matriculated at Gill College, Somerset East, graduated BSc at Rhodes University and taught for two years at Victoria West.

After 12 years as assistant housemaster, he succeeded Presby's first warden, the Rev Neil (Bull) Paterson, in 1940 and held this post until 1958.

Having represented Rhodes at cricket and tennis, he coached these sports at Dale for several years. He was an officer in the Cadet Corps for eight years.

Soon after his arrival at Dale he met a young Kaffrarian High School teacher, Betty Gibson, on the way to King by train. Their marriage was to last more than 50 years.

• **OLD DALIAN** Rowan Algie (matric class 1957) knew Shops Workman as a boarder, as a teacher and as a friend. Here he pays tribute to his former housemaster and colleague, whom he describes as "a special man."

Rowan, who later became headmaster of Wynberg Boy's High School, delivered the eulogy at the funeral service in Cape Town.

boys will know what I mean if I mention "Peveretts' chickens."

He never made an immediate decision. He would always "chew on it." His decisions were always such that you never felt unfairly cheated.

On their marriage eve Shops was a victim of a cruel schoolboy prank. Insensitive youths trashed his bedroom and slashed his wedding suit. At the 11th hour Shops hired another.

Years later, bearing no grudge, Shops gave one of the perpetrators lifts to Old Dalian functions in Port Elizabeth.

Betty bore Shops twins, Hugh and Paddy, and for his entire career was right behind him in his efforts for Dale and Presby. For years they co-produced the annual Dale Sing Song, a traditional institution that has not survived modern trends in school entertainment.

After Shops retired in 1968 he and Betty moved to Port Elizabeth where he taught science and maths for about five years at Theodor Herzl, a private school in Walmer. After Betty's death at age 80 in 1984 he lived in retirement homes in Walmer and the city.

As his health declined he moved again last year – to the frail care section of the Helen Keller home in Pinelands, Cape Town, closer to his son Hugh, a retired chartered accountant and businessman, and his daughter-in-law Tanya, who live in Claremont.

Known to friends and Old Daliens as Chops, Hugh spent six years at Dale Primary and matriculated at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth before graduating at Rhodes.

Special care for a boy of nine

DAVE SEPHTON-POULTNEY, deputy headboy of Dale in 1965, recalls "wonderful memories" of Shops Workman.

Shops taught his father, Geoff Poultnery, in the late 1920s and was Dave's housemaster in his first year at Presby in 1958.

In a letter expressing condolences to Hugh Workman, he says:

"In 1958 when I needed to attend an English school, being from the Free State, Shops took me

His twin sister, Paddy Gilbert, emigrated to Brisbane, Australia, with her husband and family last November.

The funeral service was held at the Congregational Church in Claremont.

Old Daliens who attended included Dudley Schroeder, former deputy head of Dale College and later headmaster of Queen's College, HO de Villiers, former Springbok fullback and Dale headboy and rugby captain in 1963, Bryan Hurn, rugby captain in 1950, Trevor Lomofsky, Donald Lilford, Oscar Navra, Colin Sparg, Keith Gardiner, Roy Mee and Bobby Hughes.

Also present was Margaret Macready, daughter of the late Jack Macready, who played for the unbeaten 1938 Dale first rugby team and the first cricket team.

After a memorial service in Port Elizabeth on July 25, Shops' ashes were interred next to Betty's at the crematorium. Among the mourners was his sister Vida van Niekerk, author of a book on their father, "Samuel Workman, the Minister and his Manse."

Old Daliens present included ex-rugby Springbok Bennett (Pewee) Howe, Owen (Ginger) Townsley, John Middleley, Derek Geldenhuys, Sean Kieck and Donald Roger.

Former KHS girls Kitty Brown (daughter of a former headmaster of Dale, the Rev Frank Sutton) and Mary Rose Dold (née Murray Macgregor) also attended.

• Apart from his beloved twins, Hugh and Paddy, Shops leaves nine grandchildren, five in Australia, two in the United States and two in South Africa.

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"This included cuts during that first year for some misdemeanour that almost saw me expelled.

"The next year when your parents moved to Daleview (in King, after Shops's retirement) a team of Presby grass-planters used to ply their trade on Sunday afternoons in return for tea and cake."

• *Dave is chairman of the Johannesburg Old Dalian Union.*

The special teacher who was always fair to his boys

MY RECOLLECTIONS of Shops Workman cover three periods: 1950-1957 at Presby; 1962-1966, as a staff member at Dale; and 1967-2003, through correspondence and occasional meetings in Port Elizabeth.

AT PRESBY:

HE was absolutely fair in all his dealings with his "Presby boys" and was concerned about each one. He would never purposely try to catch you doing something – you would always hear that "measured tread."

However, he expected absolute honesty from you. If there was a problem, he would assemble us all in the prep-room and ask the guilty to come forward. Those guilty would own up immediately. Presby

He had a keen sense of humour. That glint in his eye and wry smile when you received a fat letter in a young girl's handwriting, or when you tried to fiddle your pocket-money book.

Who could forget the Dale Sing Song, produced by Shops and Betty? The key words were involvement and enjoyment. If some talent emerged, and it always did, it was an added extra.

Add to the Sing Song the community singing during school, once a week. It takes a special teacher to control 400-500 boys in the hall doing something that really did not interest them.

AS A COLLEAGUE:

As an Old Boy of 22, returning to

the staff of one's old school was a daunting prospect. Shops showed me respect and welcomed me as an equal immediately.

He was the perfect vice-principal. He had the respect of his colleagues and the headmaster he served. This was the result of his love of the school and his interest in his colleagues.

1967-2003

Our ways parted at the end of 1966 but a close contact was kept through Christmas cards and meetings when I was in Port Elizabeth.

At all the milestones in my life and career a letter would arrive from Shops. I am sure this is the same for many, many of his Presby boys.

To me he was a special man.

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