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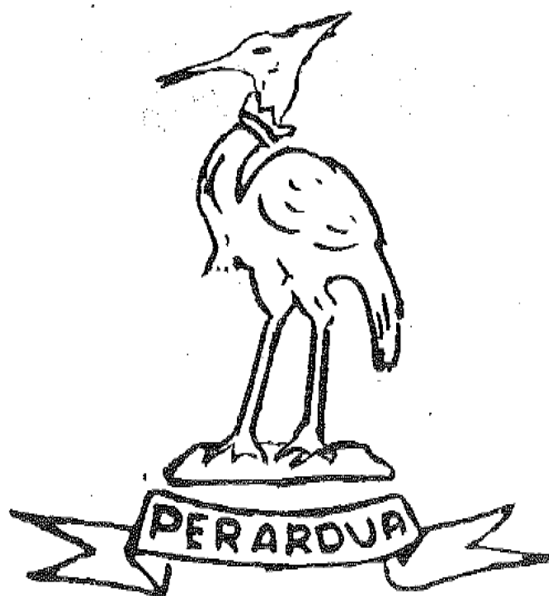


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The rugby tour we've been waiting for . . .

AT LAST . . . a Dale rugby tour of the Transvaal. It is three years since the last visit of the 1st XV which preceded an arduous but triumphant tour of Rhodesia.

This year the Dalians will again first visit Natal where they will play Durban High School and Empangeni High, then travel to Witbank to meet the Hoerskool Gen. Hertzog on Wednesday, June 28.

The team will be accompanied by their coach, Midge Hilton-Green, another master and several supporters from King William's Town.

The boys will be the guests of Witbank Dale parents for whom this will be a long-awaited pleasure. Two years ago all seemed set for a visit by a

Dale rugby team but the Transvaal part of the tour was cancelled and Witbank was disappointed.

A visit to a colliery is being planned for Thursday morning and after lunch the party will take the road again for Johannesburg. A number of Johannesburg and Edenvale parents have agreed to put up the boys for the weekend and the tourists are planned to rendezvous with their hosts at 4.45pm at the Wanderers' Club grounds (Corlett Drive entrance).

On Friday evening parents will hold their annual general meeting at the Victoria Hotel, Plein Street, Johannesburg, starting at 7.30pm.

Headmaster Colin Thomson, who was enthusiastically welcomed to Johannesburg last December, will be staying at the hotel with his family and will attend

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 28: Dale 1st XV v Hoerskool Gen. Hertzog, Witbank, 3pm.

June 30: Parents' annual general meeting, Victoria Hotel, Plein Street, Johannesburg, 7.30pm. Headmaster will meet parents.

July 1: Dale 1st XV v Roosevelt High School, Roosevelt Park, Johannesburg, 3.45pm. After the match: Braai evening at 23 Denise Circle

and 48 Judy Road, Blairgowrie, Randburg, for touring party, parents, Old Dalians and their families.

July 3: Dale 1st XV v Northcliff High School, Northcliff, Johannesburg, 3.30pm. After the match: Braai for touring party at Northcliff High; drinks for parents and Old Dalians at Ridgeway Hotel, 158 Hendrik Verwoerd Drive, Randburg.

A real Transvaal welcome



Rodney Nash, Chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union, makes a presentation to Mrs Colin Thomson, wife of the Headmaster, at a reception welcoming the Thomsons to the Transvaal.

More than 100 parents, Old Dalians and their wives attended the party at the New Club, Johannesburg.

Aubrey Hall, secretary of the Transvaal Parents Association of Dale College, made a presentation to Mr Thomson on behalf of parents.



Headmaster Colin Thomson addresses the gathering, flanked by Gordon McEwan, veteran Transvaal Old Dalian.

Gordon, who was at Dale in 1922-24, is a former national chairman of the Old Dalian Union. He was chairman of the Transvaal branch in 1968 and has been secretary since 1971.

Family footnote: Gordon, aged 71, has 11 children, 29 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Come and cheer the Dalians!

the AGM. Afterwards parents will be able to interview the Headmaster privately.

The match on Saturday afternoon against Roosevelt High School, Thomas Bowler Street, Roosevelt Park, Johannesburg, should be an interesting encounter. A block of grandstand seats will be set aside for Dale supporters. Kick-off is at 3.45pm.

After the match a braaivleis will be held at the adjoining homes of John de Klerk, a Transvaal Dale parent and committee member, and Bob Gillanders, an Old Dalian who has a son at Dale Junior. They live at 23 Denise Circle and 48 Judy Road, Blairgowrie, Randburg, close to Jan Smuts Avenue. A map giving directions is being circulated.

We suggest that parents attending the braai arrange to follow a group of cars which will leave the Roosevelt High ground after the match. The venue is 10-15 minutes' drive from the ground.

The braai is open to Old Dalians, members of the touring party and parents and their families. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be on sale. Please bring your own meat, a plate of salads and, if you prefer it, spirits. There will be ample room inside both homes

but a couple of folding chairs would ensure your comfort.

On Monday afternoon, July 3, the Dale team will play the final match of their tour against Northcliff High School, Mountainview Drive, Blackheath. Kick-off: 3.30pm. Old Dalian Mick Bissell, a teacher at Northcliff, predicts a keen tussle. He describes Northcliff as "a side of no-hopers who have come right".

Seating is being reserved for Dale supporters at this match, too.

After the match the Dale touring party will be entertained to a braaivleis at Northcliff High. Parents are invited to join Old Dalians for drinks at the Ridgeway Hotel, 158 Hendrik Verwoerd Drive, Randburg.

Transvaal parents can help the Old Dalians and the touring party to make this a memorable visit. Some have already shown their interest by agreeing to host the boys. But a team playing on "foreign" fields needs a big hand and a loud cheer from the grandstands and the touchlines so let's turn out in strength to support Dale.

My right-hand men

THERE are a few things I could write about in Trans-Dale, but in this issue I would like to chat about our Transvaal boys, the hostels and my senior staff.

Our College is made up of a strong core of average boys who, by their positive attitude, form the backbone. The Transvaal boys are no exception as they have generally co-operated well and shown a true Dalian Spirit.

This year we enrolled a further 12 new boys from your area — well done! Your public relations work is to be commended. I wonder if you will top this number for 1979?

I have chosen to highlight some of the boys who have achieved things slightly out of the ordinary.

Graeme Turnbull (College prefect, head of Diocesan Hostel, swimming captain, silver medallion for life-saving).

Alan Eyre (College prefect, head of Paterson House, co-victor ludorum, vice-captain 1st XV, 1st team squash).

Jeremy Hall, Herman Jacobs, Wayne Turnbull and Trevor Noble are members of the first ever Junior Prefect Group.

Trefor Jones (Hostel prefect, 1st XV).

Edward Lindstrom (Deputy head of Paterson).

Henk van der Veen (Hostel prefect).

Stephen Joubert (Hostel prefect).

Ronald Krauss (Hostel prefect).

Roger Beadon (Border swimming and biathlon — silver medal, Under 15a rugby captain).

Andrew Ball (Border biathlon).

Douglas Shaw (1st team hockey).

Robert Frisch (1st XV and 1st XI).

Shaune Kaltenbrun (Border rugby, 1st XI, co-victor ludorum).

Grenville Bewley (life saving - silver medallion).

On the academic side Jeremy Hall has been awarded half-colours.

This is quite an impressive list!

We have seen real problems within the hostel set-up this year with Diocesan undergoing major renovations, which have been somewhat protracted, and Sutton in a shabby state of disrepair. The tenders for major work here closed on May 30. Paterson House has a brand new set of masters and renovation rumblings are heard here as well.

Frank Joubert has said its farewells to Philip Khama — at Dale for 53 years — many of these years spent in loyal service at Frank Joubert.

On the staffing side I would like to introduce you to my senior men by giving you a pen sketch of each. I work with three Vice-Principals (Heads of Departments) and together we form the staff executive of the College. Beneath them I have my seven senior teachers who are men of experience and head up the Subject Departments. My Vice-Principals are:

By COLIN THOMSON
Headmaster, Dale College.

1. Mr Midge Hilton-Green

Mr Hilton-Green is a product of Kingswood College, where he had an outstanding record in sport, gaining E.P. Colours for gymnastics and awards for rugby, athletics and rowing. His prowess as a sportsman resulted in further honours at university where he qualified with a B.A. degree and teaching diploma.

While at school and university he held many leadership positions. In his spare time he founded the first surfing club in Grahamstown.

As a qualified physical education and geography teacher he taught for a short period at St Andrew's College and then at St Aidan's.

In 1971 he came to Dale, where he became a senior teacher in 1976. As the senior of my Vice-Principals, he is responsible for every aspect of the hostels. The day-to-day running of routine matters and the overseeing of the Standard 9 and Standard 10 groups are his.

Apart from being the Superintendent of Sutton House he is in charge of life-saving and is at present the 1st XV coach. He is married and has two young children. His wife, Bernadette, works in town.

2. Mr Viv Smit

Mr Smit has had an interesting and very full life.

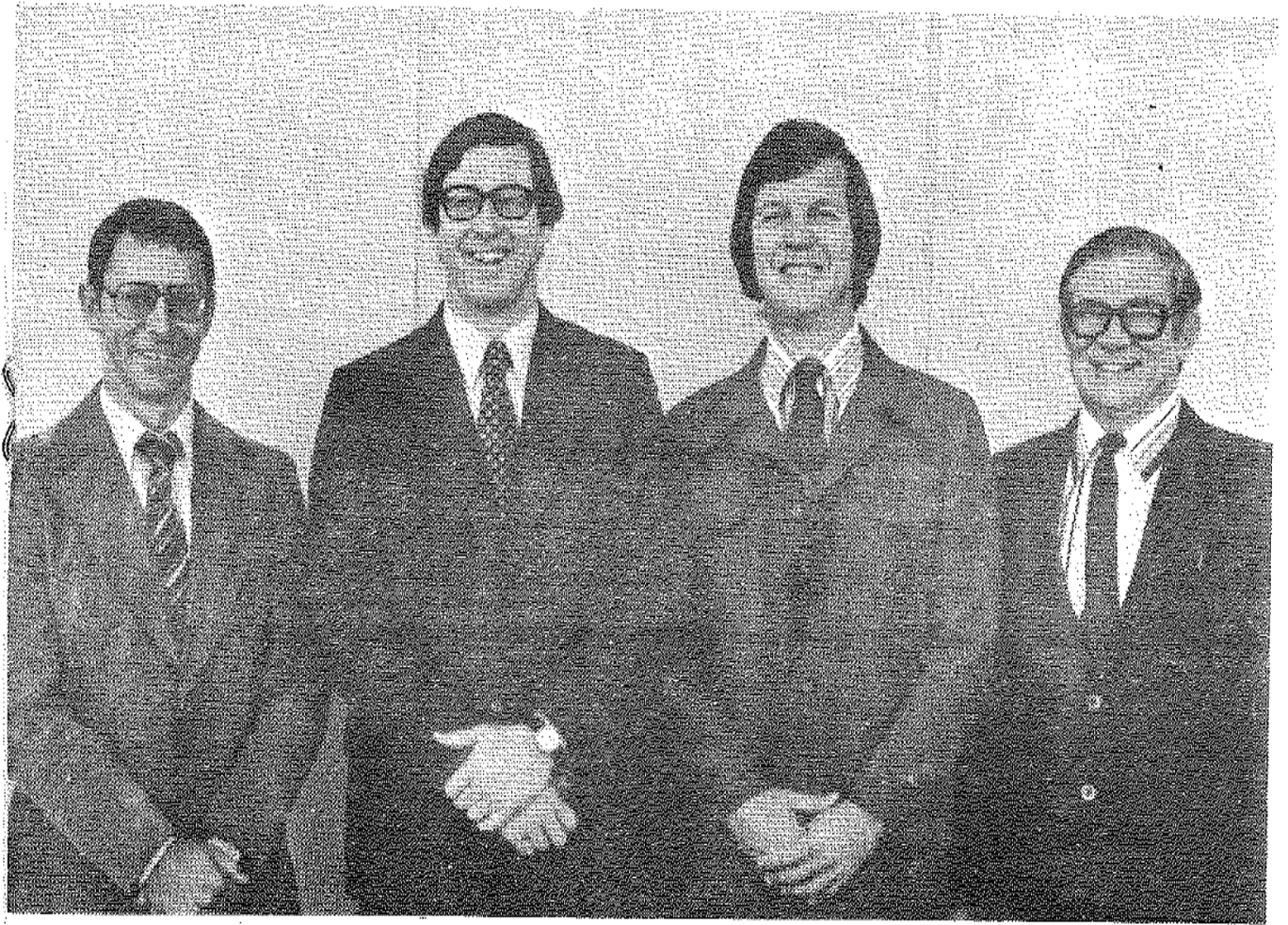
He excelled as a sportsman at school, gaining honours for cricket and rugby. Since his schooling he has studied and obtained a diploma in theology and a B.A. Honours degree twice (in history and psychology). Before coming to Dale in 1972, he served as a Baptist minister for 16 years.

He is highly qualified as a teacher-psychologist and can teach mathematics, history and geography.

Extramurally he is involved in tennis and the Photographic Club. He has also written a book and cut an L.P. record.

On my team he is in charge of the Administrative Section of the school. The Standard 6 group is his particular responsibility while all the cultural extramural activities fall under his control. He does all the in-depth counselling.

His wife, Wanda, is a high school teacher at K.H.S. His eldest daughter is working, and the youngest is at K.H.S. The eldest son, an Old Dalian, is working at Atlas Aircraft, and the youngest is still at Dale (Std 8).



HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (left to right): Mr R. Hilton-Green, Mr C.F. Thomson (Headmaster), Mr P. Vermaak and Mr T.V. Smit.

The four who lead Dale

3. Mr Peet Vermaak:

The newcomer to Dale! As with the other Vice-Principals he has had an outstanding career as a sportsman. He has played rugby for Eastern Province and is a foremost athletic coach.

He has lectured at coaching courses and was sent to Europe by the E.P. Athletics Association to study coaching methods. He has acted as manager of the junior and senior E.P. athletics teams.

All his sport has not detracted from a fine academic record. Mr Vermaak has a B.Sc. Honours degree in mathematics and is part way to achieving his M. Sc.

He teaches senior science and mathematics and has acted as a sub-examiner in matric mathematics. All Mr Vermaak's teaching experience has been at Framesby High School, Port Elizabeth.

Under his control is the co-ordination of all the Standard 7 and 8 group and examinations. He is an assistant housemaster and coaches Under 15A and B rugby and also athletics.

Mr Vermaak is engaged to a schoolteacher and is to be married in June.

Our rugby side will be touring Natal and the Transvaal in June/July and I will be joining with parents and Old Dalians at the functions arranged.

Ruth Voerman

RUTH VOERMAN, devoted wife of Harry Voerman and one of the pioneer members of the Transvaal Parents Association of Dale College, died after a short illness last December.

A charming hostess, Ruth endeared herself to other parents, whom the Voermans entertained at their Dunvegan, Edenvale, home.

Harry and Ruth toured Rhodesia with the Dale 1st XV in 1975. Their son, Harry, was a member of the team.

Trans-Dale extends its sympathy to the Voerman family and pays tribute to a sweet personality who is greatly missed.

Dale Junior... proud branch of a long tradition

IN 1962 Dale College Primary, bade farewell to the end of an era — a century of co-existence with the senior school under one Headmaster, and embarked on its course as a separate institution, with its own Headmaster and governing School Committee.

The first Headmaster of Dale Junior, Mr D.V. Taylor, remained at the helm until he retired in March 1976. Under his leadership the school overcame its infant growing pains and blossomed forth as a healthy offshoot of the tried and tested tradition synonymous with Dale College.

The school has occupied the red-brick building designed for Dale College by Sir Herbert Baker and erected in 1907, and apart from minor internal alterations, the building has remained the same.

We still have occasional visits by Old Boys who come to reminisce and relive tail-warming experiences and to enquire why the bench that was grey is now painted white! I must say that we do appreciate their continued interest in the school.

The staff has undergone many changes since 1962, but there have been a few stalwarts. I am sure many will remember Mrs Brooks, who retired in 1972 after 18 years. In September 1976, Miss Joyce Arnold retired after 30 years of devoted service to the boys of Dale. Mrs Cecily Leggat became the school secretary in 1963 and remained at her post, giving invaluable service, until she retired in September 1977. Mr Zach Maree, who has been Vice-Principal since 1966, has decided to call it a day and is to retire in September. What is most gratifying is that all those mentioned are healthy and are enjoying their well-earned rest.

The boarders at Dale Junior have been housed at Taylor House and during the years have been well cared for by the Taylor family. However, after Mr C.V. Taylor's retirement and his son Roy's appointment as Principal of the Central Primary School, the hostel will now be controlled by the School Committee until the end of the year. It is hoped that we will be able to accommodate our boys at Sutton House in 1979.

By **KEN SCHAEFER**
Headmaster, Dale Junior



Throughout the years it has been our intention to develop an even balance of academic and sporting achievement and to develop in our boys a well-balanced personality. This, I am sure, we achieve and the credit must go to the devoted and enterprising staff who take a personal interest in their pupils and spend many hours with the boys on the sports fields.

Although we are outnumbered by the other tradition schools on the Border, we do muster the required ability to hold our own and the boys soon learn to give all for the school.

At Dale Junior we offer rugby, soccer, tennis, tennisette, cricket, swimming, athletics and gymnastics, enough to occupy the most energetic. There is also a great following for the chess and drama clubs and the choir continues to form an integral part of the school's cultural activities.

From the above activities, and the fact that we strive to give more than a middle-of-the-road education, I am sure we will encourage our Dalians to become measureful forces in our modern society, in that we encourage enrichment and field education.

I thank you, parents and Old Dalians of the Transvaal, for your support and interest and may I encourage you to promote Dale Junior as much as possible in your area.

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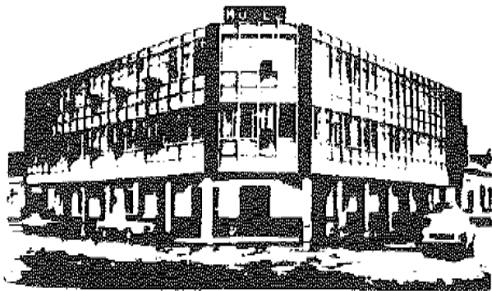
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