

# TransDale Extra

**After 2011 . . .**

## What now?

**THIS** is a burning question after the 2011 highly-successful Dale College 150th anniversary celebrations.

TransDale Extra asked leading members of the Dale Family for their views on the subject. Here are extracts from some of their responses:

**\* Dale College Headmaster Mike Eddy:**

The challenge is to take this school forward; to maintain and improve the current Dale, and particularly to retain that which is good.

Plans for 2012 include a R200 000 project to upgrade the change-rooms at the swimming pool, as well as the athletics track. In August, the College will host the 18<sup>th</sup> annual State Boys' Schools' Headmasters' Conference.

**\* Old Dalian Union President Dr Paul Smit:**

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**\* Joburg ODU chairman David Sephton-Poultney:**

We will continue to keep the Dale spirit alive by exploiting any opportunity to generate Old Dalian goodwill. I think the ODU could benefit from greater direct involvement by branches in the Executive's deliberations and initiatives, leading to

### \* Griffy steps down as coach

GRANT GRIFFITH, who rose from coaching the Under Nines at Dale Junior to the College First XV, as assistant coach for two seasons and head coach for three seasons, is coaching the "new" Under 16a team this season.

Griffy capped his final senior season with convincing wins over traditional rivals Queen's and Selborne.

He helped Dale achieve tenth place in the Top 20 of SA rugby schools and he won the International award of Canterbury Schools' Coach of the Year.

In his matric year, 1993, the Dale First XV, led by Griffy, were unbeaten in 22 games. The 1993 side scored a record 833 to 125 points.



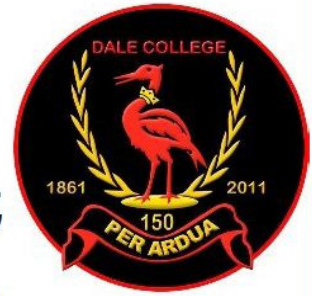
### Assistant coach Vince moves north

VINCENT GELDERBLOEM, who coached the 2011 First XV with Grant Griffith, has joined the staff of St David School in Johannesburg. He has served Dale for nine years in many roles, including rugby and head of accounting and College House.



DALE COLLEGE  
CELEBRATES

# 150 Great Years



*Preserving the best of the past. Promising the best for the future.*



*This booklet marked Dale College's year of celebration. Copies are available from the school and the ODU office.*

a stronger national body.

This may be a matter to which the national executive should give attention.

**\* New KwaZulu-Natal branch chairman Robin Swanepoel,** who has played rugby for the Sharks/Wildebeests and the Border Bulldogs:

I am excited about the prospect of getting Dale College/Dale Junior back to the status it so rightly deserves, as one of the finest institutions in South Africa. We will slowly, launch a revival in KZN.

**\* For more of their views and those of other members of the Dale Family see Pages 2-4.**

**\* Dale Junior Principal Patricia Thatcher will respond with her views in our next issue.**

### \* Big Daddy Steve takes over

STEVE (Big Daddy) TURNER, who coached the Dale Third XV in 2011, has taken over as the First XV coach this season.

Steve, who played for the Dale First XV in 1993, 1994 and 1995 seasons, is seen (right) turning out for the Dale Legends against Queen's College Legends at Reunion last year.

He led Old Dalian fund-raising for the for the upgrading of the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre as part of Dale's 150th anniversary celebrations.

He is now housemaster at Frank Joubert hostel.



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# The road ahead after 150<sup>th</sup>

## Dale leaders sum up the year of celebration and look to a future of opportunities and challenges

**By PAUL SMIT, National President of the Old Dalian Union 2011-12**

THE combined efforts of the ODU, the schools, parent associations, school governing bodies and Friends of Dale ensured a highly-successful 150<sup>th</sup> Reunion of which we can all be justifiably proud.

Huge amounts of time and effort went in to the planning, organisation and execution of not only the weekend event, but indeed the entire year's proceedings.

At the end of the day, we did not make much money, but likewise we are not any worse off than before.

Unlike some other schools who have also walked the 150th road, we can walk tall, knowing that we were able to provide a respectable platform for returning celebrants that did not leave the ODU or schools with large amounts of debt after the Reunion.

Boys of all ages returned home praised and proud of what remains an indelible part of their lives, the Dale enigma.

**What now?**

Immediately, we need to capitalise on the fervour of the moment.

Linking Old Boys, encouraging camaraderie and commitment (branch activity) and generally using the very viable Dale recipe -



**Dr Paul Smit starts the ball rolling**

once a Dalian, always a Dalian!  
**Where do we go from here?**

The generations of Dalians and Dale administrators to come need to build on that which is solid, change that which is

failing, and be unafraid of tackling that which is new, necessary and innovative.

There is absolutely no reason why the stars cannot become more in focus as the years roll on.

When we consider what we have weathered and overcome, we are encouraged to steam on through hard work and effort.  
**What are the union's future plans?**

First, we do need to earnestly pursue a succession programme in the PRO function. Uncle Jack Rosenberg has given years of very faithful, committed and valuable service to the union.

His wisdom, insight and knowledge cannot be lost. His absences from the office have proven to us again that the PRO function is very necessary and that we need to get someone in training under him to learn the ropes for the future.

Second, the challenge remains to link up and keep the interest of younger Old Dalians. It is essential that younger men with vigour and vision be raised up to the ODU Executive to move the union forward.

Third, the ODU will continue to serve its primary function of promoting the interest and wellbeing of all Old Dalians everywhere, as well as ensuring that the schools remain firmly Red and Black.

# Mike Eddy: Improve, while retaining the good

**By MIKE EDDY**

I WILL treasure this year as Dale College celebrated 150 years of education. The tone was set with a magnificent thanksgiving and dedication service in January which was supported by Dale Junior and Kingsridge.

The hosting of four big sporting events, the founders hockey, the Cape schools' rugby and cross-country, the Cape schools' cricket, the Hirsch Shield athletics proved quite challenging.

The festivals enabled the Dalians to interact with fellow sportsman from throughout the country.

These high-profile inter-school events set the focus firmly on Dale College and King William's Town.

However, the main event, the most talked about and keenly anticipated Reunion, acknowledging the 150<sup>th</sup>, as this year was affectionately known, took place over May 19, 20 and 21.

The amphitheatre effect of the main field



**\*Here are edited extracts from Headmaster Mike Eddy's speech at the 2011 Dale College prize-giving. Mr Eddy sums up the highly-successful celebration of Dale's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and looks ahead.**

**He gives his answer to the question about the future of Dale. What now?**

**His positive message: "The challenge is to take this school forward; to maintain and improve the current Dale, and particularly to retain that which is good."**

had been achieved; the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre upgrade was complete, the B field was transformed into an entertainment village, the tuckshop relocated back to the venue of yesteryear, and new public ablutions were constructed.

The support that Dale received to complete the upgrading of our facilities was magnificent.

I salute the Old Dalians who contributed towards this project. So where does that leave Dale going forward. We hear comments like: "We are losing our traditions."

During the past 150 years, various generations of Dalians have built a name and reputation associated with Dale College. This has been done in good times and bad times.

Nothing is simple and nothing is impossible. The challenge is to take this school forward; to maintain and improve the current Dale, and particularly to retain that which is good.

The core values for a successful, happy, caring school environment which embraces responsibility, humility

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**Mrs Bianca Fisser, Dale Junior Grade 3 teacher**



**Mrs Penny Hogge, Dale Junior Grade 6 teacher and head of department**



**Mrs Ingrid Schenk, personal assistant to Dale Junior principal Ms Patricia Thatcher**



**Mrs Cathy Nixon, former long-term member of the College Governing Body**

## Seven win Per Ardua Awards

Dale College Headmaster Mike Eddy conferred Per Ardua Awards at Re-union 2011 on six members of the Dale Family and the Principal of KHS for “devoted service” to the College.

\* Pictures: **RICHARD DOMERIS** and **KEVIN WHITEHEAD**



**Patrick Grootboom, chairman, Dale College Governing Body**



**Johan Mollentze, vice-chairman, Dale College Governing Body**



**Johan Loubser, principal, Kingsridge High School for Girls (KHS)**

## Dale upgrades facilities at athletics track and pool

From Page 2 and respect, will go a long way in setting the platform for the next 150 years.

I would like to thank the headboy, Wandile Tshabe, and his deputy, John Muri, for their excellent leadership this year. They have both played active roles in and outside the classrooms.

Mr Eddy also commended Deputy Headmaster Warwick Osmond, for the “excellent role he has played in co-ordinating the 150<sup>th</sup> Elaborating on the College’s plans for this year, the Headmaster told TransDale Extra of a R200 000 project to upgrade the change-rooms at the swimming pool as well as the athletics track.

“There is a greater demand for the use of these two facilities from our neighbouring schools,” he said.

“The ‘hiring’ fee will be used towards the renovation. The upgrade has come about as a joint project. KHS has introduced ath-

letics and water polo is growing.

“This project will add greatly to our facilities.

“Staff remains a challenge, particularly relating to staff being able to contribute to sports coaching at an ‘A’ team level.

“The school qualifies for 18 posts of which only 13 are permanently filled. The paperwork involved with the other five temporary posts is extremely time-consuming and needs to be completed every term. Why these posts after over two years still remain temporary, boggles the mind. However, as a state school we need to work within the ‘system’.

“During August, Dale College will host the 18<sup>th</sup> annual State Boys’ Schools Headmasters Conference. Our plan is to use the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre for the conference and to accommodate the headmasters at guest houses.”

## Rugby’s Robin Swanepoel leads ODU in KZN

FORMER provincial rugby player Robin Swanepoel (matric 1988) has taken over as chairman of the KwaZulu-Natal branch of the Old Dalian Union. He succeeds Stuart Sutton (1983).

Robin says he is “excited about the prospect of getting Dale College and Dale Junior back to the status they so rightly deserve, as one of South Africa’s finest institutions.

“I think we will slowly, launch a revival in KZN. I have had chats with a couple of stalwarts about a way forward.

“We plan on getting together quarterly to start and building from there.”

At these gatherings, they would address certain suggestions made to him. These included:

\* Restoring the boarding establishment to its former prime place in Dale life. More emphasis on marketing the school.



**FROM SHARK TO BULLDOG – THEN BACK TO DURBS**

**... Robin is still active in rugby today**

\* Offering more bursaries to attract promising sportsmen and academics and stop other schools poaching talent from Dale Junior. “We hope to start something positive here in KZN.”

Robin matriculated at Dale in 1988 after playing for the First XV for two years. In

2001 he was one of nine Old Dalians who played for the Border Bulldogs.

Their assistant coach was also an Old Dalian, Bruce Butler, who played for the First XV for three years, winning honours caps for two and as captain in his last, 1967.

Robin has been in KwaZulu-Natal since 2002. He began playing for the Natal Under 20 team in 1990 and ended a ten-year provincial career in 2003 with the Sharks/Wildebeests in KwaZulu-Natal “It’s ironic that I finished where my rugby began.”

He is now the forwards coach/adviser to College Rovers teams, working closely with Robert du Preez, former Springbok, Natal and (the then) Northern Transvaal player.

Seventeen provincial players and four current Springboks have come through College Rovers ranks where he has been involved for six years. They include present Sharks captain Old Dalian Keegan Daniel, To Page 4

**We invited Old Dalian branch leaders to comment on the future of Dale and ODU. Their response:**

# Keeping the Old Dalian flag in 'The Bay'

**By SEAN KIECK (1991), Port Elizabeth chairman**

PORT ELIZABETH is home to many Old Dalians. We have more than 100 Old Boys on our e-mailing list on whom we rely for support.

The big challenge here has been poor turn-outs as demand for time (work or private) has become very precious.

We will continue to look for new ways to keep the ODU alive in PE by supporting events involving Dale in the area.

One is the Grey High annual School Rugby Festival on March 24 – 28 this year. We will watch the games involving Dale from a designated area in our red and black, followed by a social at the grounds.

Dale will play Grey in PE on June 2



Port Elizabeth ODU's Sean Kieck



Joburg ODU's Dave Sephton-Poultney

and we are planning another social - maybe a red-and-black dinner on the Friday. "Piggy-backing" off these events generates the most successful results and once again we must thank the regular PE Old Boys who turn out in their support and to reminisce about the old days.

The future? We as a branch should become more involved with the union in ideas, planning and how in the bigger picture we may help both schools to achieve their goals.

*\* Sean's committee includes Mike Palframan, Bradley Joubert, and Andrew Hugo.*

# ODU exec. needs closer ties with its branches

**By DAVID SEPHTON-POULTNEY, Johannesburg ODU chairman**

NOW that we find ourselves in Dale's 151<sup>st</sup> year, the 150<sup>th</sup> is a pleasant memory of celebration and camaraderie. We need to reflect on where to from here?

The Johannesburg ODU branch will continue to keep the Dale spirit alive by exploiting any opportunity to generate OD goodwill - via dinners, rugby, golf or special functions.

To strengthen our effort is the YODA factor - youth, enthusiasm, passion for Dale and showing great interest in the schools' well-being and how they can be nurtured.

In a broader sense I think the ODU could benefit from greater direct involvement by branches in the ODU Executive's deliberations and initiatives, leading to a stronger national body.

This may be a matter to which the national executive should give attention.

# A BLAST FROM THE PAST . . .

**That's how Robin Swanepoel described this picture of the 2001 Border Bulldogs on the front page of TransDale. The Bulldogs included ten Old Dalians – eight players in this picture, and Old Dalian assistant coach Bruce Butler (right). Another Old Dalian Bulldog, Richard Bennet, was absent. Robin is holding Chumani Boo, who was still captaining Border last year.**

*\* Picture: Patty Butterworth*

From Page 3 who was Robin's vice-captain (of College Rovers) in 2005. Robin has a business (PRO3 Agencies) in KZN, focusing on sport, corporate and work-wear apparel/equipment.

Three years ago he helped design a scrumming machine, which he says has become popular in SA. Robin's postal address is:

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# Let's have Dale private hostels, says PE's Hugo

**By ANDREW HUGO (matric 1979)**

TO ATTRACT Dalians from other areas, I believe Dale should do what Queen's and Cathcart High are doing.

In addition to running hostels, they encourage private boarding with local "tannies" successfully running the show.

In this way friends from surrounding farms and towns are living with guys they want to be with - rather like in university private digs.

The ratio between black and white learners has, I believe, scared off some traditional white Old Dalians from sending their boys to Dale. Change is sometimes good but new and current Dalians should keep traditions going.

I believe the ratio between black and white boys



**LEAVE IT TO THE "TANNIES" says Andrew Hugo**

has changed at Queen's since private boarding was introduced.

Another suggestion: The school and union should focus more on current learners and parents for

support. This is working at Port Elizabeth schools.

I will probably go back to Dale for Reunion every five years. The activities the King guys have given us over the last few years makes this worthwhile.

Walking around the school last year I felt the buildings and facilities were run down.

It seemed that maintenance was not being carried out. The Education Department has a role to play in maintaining the buildings.

In Grahamstown some ground-breaking court judgments have forced the Eastern Cape Education Department to do its work.

Sometimes drastic measures need to be taken to defend the future of our great school.

# YODA sees a bright Dale future

By **DAVID TURNBULL**, new YODA chairman

AS an Old Dalian in Johannesburg I often get grilled on the future of Dale.

\* Will they compete in future?"

\* Can they sustain the level they're at?

\* Do boys get a real opportunity coming out of King?

All these questions are based on rugby, and generally the people asking them are private school Old Boys looking for when they can expect to beat Dale.

At first I had no real answers for these people. I shrugged and said time would tell.

Several years have passed since I left school and now I think enough time has passed for me to have an opinion on the future of Dale.

As a science graduate, I need an experiment to form an opinion. Luckily, a few years ago we were presented with a perfect reflection of what Dale can do against a top school in Johannesburg.

Many of you may recall the exodus of several Dalians to King Edward VII School, many of them star rugby players.

In this example I speak specifically about two boys - one left Dale for KES; the other remained in King William's Town.

**Skarra Ntubeni** left Dale in Std 8 and captained KES. He is now playing for Western Province and the Stormers.

**Terror Mthembu** stayed at Dale and captained the 1<sup>st</sup> XV. He is playing for the Sharks and the SA Sevens.

These two boys came through the same junior ranks at Dale, played in the same Craven Week and ended up in similar positions at this point in their careers.

When Skarra left Dale I had a debate with a



**DAVID TURNBULL . . .  
time to stop blaming  
others**

## New leader challenges colleagues

coach in Johannesburg who had an intimate knowledge of Eastern Cape schools (he is a St. Andrew's Old Boy).

He said boys leaving Dale would get far better opportunities at KES than they could expect from Dale.

I challenged this, but had no proof. Logic dictates that one would have more opportunities in a province that typically has more opportunities in business etc.

However, given the case above, it is clear to me that the opportunities are presented to the individual willing to see them, whether he stays at Dale or not.

Terror and Skarra are two exceptional youngsters who would never have been held back wherever they matriculated. This shows that Dale, at the very least, doesn't dampen opportunities.

I have a very optimistic view of the school and I am confident it will continue to produce talent on the sports field. The success of the 150<sup>th</sup> Reunion last year was a positive sign for the school.

Dalians around the world pulled together to make the event memorable.

While I appreciate the input of Old Dalians I noticed a distinct lack of youth involvement. Many recent school-leavers were present but few helped organise the event or raise funds.

For the ODU and Dale to continue producing talent we need to put more effort in attracting recent school-leavers.

Before YODA existed I saw my peers going on with their lives with little care for what was happening at Dale.

What the 150<sup>th</sup> illustrated was that these Old Dalians still want to be involved in Dale when it is an occasion such as the 150<sup>th</sup>. But they seem conspicuous by their absence once the hangover wears off.

We as YODA believe we need to stop blaming the ODU, Dale, Mr Mike Eddy or others for any perceived lowering of standards and get involved ourselves.

**\* Focus on the long-serving Dale Turnbull Family – Page 6**

## ODU Executive welcomes a young Turnbull

I ATTENDED the ODU Executive meeting last month to present myself and YODA officially to the Exec. (writes David Turnbull.)

Over the last year we have come across several versions of what YODA is and does, not all flattering. Certain ODU branches were not happy with YODA's existence and wished it to close.

Mostly, this fear was misguided and coming from poor communication by us. I decided to approach the problem head-on and meet the Executive to explain our intentions.

Before going I was warned that I might not be received very

warmly and to prepare for any event. Much to my surprise, I was greeted exceptionally warmly and my little speech went by without even a cough in opposition.

The Executive was far more welcoming to the idea of YODA than expected and they encouraged me to help the guys in East London to get more people at their gatherings.

This was very encouraging and makes our plans for growing YODA much easier to implement. With Executive backing, there is no reason why YODA should not become a national branch of the ODU, able to contribute in a meaningful manner.

## WHAT YODA IS DOING IN JOBURG NOW

YODA has started 2012 with a bang. One of the Joburg-based group's targets is to raise funds to provide two bursaries for Dale Junior boys to go on to the College.

They want to stop the "pillaging" of juniors by Selborne, St Andrew's and now Hudson Park.

Several other activities are on the go. Decades ago young Old Dalians, led by the legendary Dave Ellwood (with good reason the

name Dave persists prominently in top Old Dalian circles) revived interest in Joburg by holding strip-club evenings.

Now YODAs hold pub and poker nights, play normal rugby with Wits Shield mates, touch and other fringe rugby to keep Dale traditions alive and have fun. It's working and augurs well for the future.

Young David has told the Old Dalian Exec. at a meeting of his ideas to promote the

school and keep its image alive. (The aim, said Johannesburg ODU branch Dave Sephton-Poultney, was "to present the face of YODA to the Executive and for both parties to discuss matters of common interest.

"It is also part of an initiative to work more closely with the ODU Executive and to influence matters as us all branches should.") The highlight of the year so far has been the Varsity Shield *To Page 6*

# A younger Turnbull at YODA helm

THE YODAs - Joburg's recipe for the future of the Old Dalian Union - have a new chairman, David Turnbull, who has already presented proposals to the ODU executive in King William's and launched bold plans to expand in Gauteng and beyond.

In his service to Dale, he is following a family tradition. Two previous generations of Turnbulls have made significant contributions to the cause of the ODU and Dale.

David's grandfather, David (snr) was a founder of the TransDale Parents Association, which sent several hundreds of boys to Dale from the 70s to the 90s.

Parents entertained headmasters who visited Gauteng annually reporting on the progress of their sons and the school. Notable among them was Dale "super-salesman" Headmaster Malcom Andrew, who toured Gauteng junior schools recruiting boarders and addressing their parents.

Sadly, for various reasons, the flow dwindled and eventually dried up in the mid-2000s. The TransDale Parents Association was disbanded in 2004.

Young David's father Grant, who played for the highly-successful 1975 Dale First XV, has been an active Old Dalian in Johannesburg for many years and during a brief spell in East London.

Occasionally he has been a controversial figure. Back in 1985 Grant was involved in a stormy incident. Unhappy about the treatment of Old Dalians at a Reunion rugby match, he strode up to Headmaster Andrew and tore off his Old Dalian badge.

Ten years later he was persuaded to return



**DAVID TURNBULL (snr) ... parent association pioneer**

**GRANT TURNBULL ... as National President**

## 'The rebel Old Dalian who came back'

to the fold. He moved his son David from Selborne to Dale Junior and became actively involved with the ODU again.

In 2002 "the rebel Old Dalian who came back" was inducted as the union's National President. Operating from Joburg, the forthright Grant had a busy if turbulent term.

This year, when he learnt about young David's intentions to attend an ODU Executive meeting, he observed:

*"There are some individuals on the ODU Exec. who will probably have a heart attack when they see the Turnbull name on their attendance list . . . they better arrange a medic to be there."*

But, as David relates on the previous page,

he was most warmly received at the meeting. No emergency medical help was needed.

Elder brother Ewen, an active Old Dalian in Joburg and Durban, has recently moved to Port Elizabeth. Youngest brother Graeme lives in Cape Town.

## Who is the young Turnbull ?

DAVID went to Dale Junior in 1996, in Grade 3 after a spell at Selborne. While his parents lived in East London, he was what he terms a "weekly boarder" but he adds: "The only problem was that I never went home for weekends."

In 1998 Grant and Lesley moved back to Johannesburg and then "I was officially a 'termly boarder' and didn't have to make up sporting events to have an excuse to stay at hostel."

He became a councillor in Grade 7 (Std 5) and played for the unbeaten Under 13A rugby side, then coached by Carl Spilhaus, now the KES coach.

David went to the College in 2001 as a boarder at College House. "I had always wanted to go to the College - it had never crossed my mind to go anywhere else."

His "old boy" was a young Kghotso Thipa, then the 1<sup>st</sup> XV open side flank.

"I wasn't a particularly good new boy, but I took a beating well so that helped." David played A team rugby and water polo throughout his age groups.

He got his first 1<sup>st</sup> XV cap in Grade 10, but never became a regular fixture in the team. He captained the 2<sup>nd</sup>

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# R250 a year subs cost less than two beers a month

*From Page 5*

rugby match between Wits and Fort Hare, held at the Wits Rugby Club. Both sides included Old Dalians.

The match was won by a "more organised" Wits side. But (as YODA chairman Dave Turnbull reports) the fun off the field was enjoyed more by Dalian than Wits fans.

"Dalians, who have clearly not had too many opportunities to sing songs in recent years, started calling Wits 'QC' and 'Baboons,' which seemed to baffle a few in the stands. One would have been forgiven for thinking we were back in the Graveyard for Reunion."

"Congratulations to Craig Carter and Vuyo Sihuba for being the last men standing - you have set a precedent that will need to be kept up into the future."

Special thanks went to Francis Kingston, "the guy who arrived first and buys several rounds of beers."

"Thanks also to Emmanuel Mphane for providing transport for some of the school-leavers who would otherwise not be able to attend. Ultimately it is the new school-leavers whom we need at YODA functions."

Of the first monthly meeting of 2012 chairman Dave said: "Nick Eyre was the most eager to be there and arrived half an hour before the agreed time.

This contrasted with Lizole Joka, who had intended to arrive four hours late but did not arrive at all."

The next YODA event, primarily to raise funds, was a poker evening scheduled for March.

YODA poker players apparently play for fairly high stakes. Says Dave: "The initial buy-in will be R500 and you may buy in as many times as you like during the evening.

"As this is a fund-raising event it is open to non-Dalians - we encourage as many non-Dalians as possible."

The YODAs have introduced a membership subscription of R250 a year which, as chairman Dave observes, "works out to be less than two beers a month."

Attendance at YODA gatherings does not depend on subs payment but on participation in running YODA, says the chairman.

"Our most significant contribution to Dale is intended to be two full bursaries for promising youngsters from the junior school."

"The junior school is pillaged every year by Selborne, St Andrew's and recently by Hudson Park.

"We at YODA want to stop this by encouraging boys to go to the College. We can only achieve this goal if we all chip in by each sacrificing two beers a month."

# DALE IS ALIVE AND WELL!

## The 150<sup>th</sup> proved it!

2011 will be remembered as a great year in the history of Dale College. The school, through all the activities and the support of Old Boys, has announced to anyone who may have forgotten that:

*There is a vibrant College at the foot of the Amathole Mountains; a College that can take on any challenge and a College which has been around for some time and will not be going anywhere anytime soon!*

The 150<sup>th</sup> programme of events ended on December 4 with a Thanksgiving Service held at the Bethany Emmanuel Baptist Church in King William's Town. Songs of praise were rendered by the congregation and a combined Dale Junior/Dale College choir.

Wandile Tshabe, Dale College headboy of 2011, read Psalm 136 which was the foundational scripture for the lesson given by Old Dalian Pastor Reuben Ihlenfeldt of the Bethany church.

The message emphasised the repetition of the refrain "Give thanks – for his love endures forever." It was a fitting closing ceremony for what has been a momentous year for both schools and the ODU.

The year started in a similar vein with the Thanksgiving and Dedication service on January 21. What the opening and the closing ceremonies had in common was that the purpose of each was to acknowledge, firstly and lastly, God's sustaining hand over the schools.

These two ceremonies were the "book-ends" for all that took place during the year. Two events fell outside of the book-ends - the Sweeney Todd drama production and the U15 Rugby Festival, held in 2010.

Within the "book-ends" were rugby, cross-country, athletics, hockey and cricket festivals. These saw our schools hosting visiting teams from schools throughout the country.

Hostels at both Dale College and Dale Junior and at KHS accommodated all the visiting players and management staff.

The biggest sport event of the year was the Cape Schools Rugby and Cross-country Festival.

We were fortunate enough to have a good sponsorship for this event from First



**WARWICK OSMOND, Deputy Headmaster and chairman of the 150<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee, sums up the outstanding success of Dale's celebration year.**

National Bank. This was a really exciting festival with great rugby on display.

While the rugby matches were all played on the C.B. Jennings Field, the cross-country events were run in the Stutterheim Forest, at Kidd's Beach and on the King Golf Course.

The cross-country team won the relay event on the golf course. Unfortunately the First XV did not fare well at this festival, losing both the matches they played.

Reunion 2011 will be remembered as a blast. After the formalities, sev-



**Warwick Osmond and his wife Melanie**

eral social events came to a crescendo after the 1<sup>st</sup> XV victory over Queen's College with a massive party in the big tent, with the popular group *Centre stage* providing the music. It was epic!

To top off the rugby season, the Dale First XV recorded a second win against Queen's in Queens-town. This was a fantastic game of rugby with the lead changing hands several times during the match.

In the end the score was 38 – 31. Queen's managed to secure one of the laurels during the year by winning the Hirsch Shield athletics event hosted at the Dale track on September 24.

Queen's have dominated this event over many years and one can only admire their superb athletics pedigree.

The only disappointment on the sporting front was that bad weather somewhat spoilt the Cape Schools Cricket Festival.

Two full days were washed out with play only taking place on the first and last day of the festival.

Other than this, all events were a great success. Rain did not spoil any other events and there were no dramas of any significance – except for Uncle Jack Rosenberg's health taking a bad turn just before Reunion.

*\* Back at work, Jack is recovering after two operations, though he is having further tests.*

**Per Ardua Ad Astra**



## 'Too old for student rugby,' Dave now works for Dad

*From Page 6 XV in Std 9 and matric. David began playing 1<sup>st</sup> team water polo in Grade 9. In his matric year the team drew 6-6 in the Athlone Shield against Selborne. He was a prefect in matric and after leaving school went to Wits to take a BSc. Micro-Biology.*

*"After three years' studying and playing rugby for the varsity I realised I hated laboratory work and went to the Wits*

*Business School to do a post-grad business diploma." Throughout his varsity years he played rugby for the Wits Rugby Club, an open club.*

*He captained Wits to the Varsity Shield final last year. Now, after winning 85 First XV club caps, he feels he is "too old to play student rugby so I have to knuckle down and work." He works for his father in financial services.*

**REVEALED – AFTER NEARLY 70 YEARS:**

# Flashback to an Old Dalian war hero

**\* THIS intriguing story about an Old Dalian war hero, Graham Haufold Kaufmann of the South African Air Force, was sent to the ODU by David Cimma, a Johannesburg manager of a multinational company. "A lover of South African history," he compiled it after learning about Graham while going through papers left by his parents, who died last year in their 80s.**

**LEST WE FORGET . . . The grave of Captain Graham Kaufmann, lone South African serviceman in a French cemetery**



# DAVID'S MISSION

DAVID CIMMA describes himself as a lover of South African history. Explaining why he pursued his investigation and sent his story to the Old Dalian Union, he wrote:

I have often walked past the walls of schools and universities where pictures of the war dead are displayed, and wondered who they were and what they could have become, but for the war.

This case has brought home to me (again) that they were all people like us, with aspirations, hopes, dreams and promise, which they sacrificed so we could live in a more normal world.

It is fashionable today to scoff at those who have done duty and made the supreme sacrifice (irrespective of which side they supported.) If we are reminded of the likes of this Old Dalian, it could act as an inspiration.

\*Free State-born David Cimma, now aged 50, was schooled at Christian Brothers College, Welkom, and did South West African border duty during his national service. He met a number of Old Dalians during his three years at Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

Since 1986 he has spent 25 years with the Anglo American Corporation. He is currently at Anglo's head office in Johannesburg as "Organisational Development Manager - Thermal Coal."

He lives in Krugersdorp.

## The 'Waasie'

DIANA NEWAY, a wartime member of the South African "Waasies" (Women's Army Auxiliary Services) read of David Cimma's research in Home Front. She met her future husband, Arthur Neway, in Cairo during the war.

Responding in January 1996, she wrote: "As I live in the King William's Town district I looked up the telephone directory to see if there were any Kaufmanns in the Border area. There were two:

\* PT Kaufmann-Sorenson, 14 Darlington Road, East London. Phone: 0431 5 1689.

\* E Kaufmann, 94 Bonza Bay Road, Beacon Bay, East London. Phone: 0431 471

\*TransDale Extra called Telkom inquiries this month. One number did not exist, the other gave a persistent engaged signal. Telkom said no Kaufmanns were listed in the East London area.

## The pilot

KEN WILL, a MOTH member, of Parkhurst, Johannesburg, wrote that when he qualified as a SAAF pilot in Kimberley in October 1941, a Kaufmann was on the same course.

He was later killed. Ken undertook to try to trace the family through the SAAF and the SAAF Association. Apparently he did not succeed.

**Captain Kauffmann, who won the Distinguished Flying Cross in North Africa, was killed in a mission over Normandy during the Allied invasion in 1944.**

**He is buried in a cemetery in France, next that of a British soldier. These are the only two military graves there.**

**Eighteen years after details first came to light, one question arises: Are any of Graham's family still living? Extensive efforts to trace them have proved fruitless. The search goes on.**

## By DAVID CIMMA

EIGHTEEN years ago the families of some servicemen killed in World War II were taken by the British Government to France to visit the graves of their fallen relatives – to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allied invasion of Europe.

The father of a friend of my mother had been killed just after D-Day and was buried in a French cemetery. He was from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and was probably a member of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Family members who visited his grave found he was buried next to that of Captain Graham Haufold Kaufmann of the South African Air Force.

There were the only two military graves in the cemetery – one British, one South African.

The family tried to trace Captain Kaufmann's next of kin. An exchange of letters involved the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the SAAF Association, the MOTHs ex-servicemen's organisation and its magazine, Home Front.

A fellow SAAF pilot and a King William's Town widow who served in Egypt during the war, assisted in the search.

My investigations found that Capt Kaufmann:

- \* Attended Dale College in the 1930s. He was a good swimmer and his nickname was "Koffie."
- \* His father and mother were John and

## Where are the Kaufmanns now?

Florence (née Marford) Kaufmann, of 44 Market Street, King William's Town, according to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

\* He attended the University at Stellenbosch until war broke out in 1939 when he joined up. He qualified as a pilot at Kimberley.

\* He was last seen in 1943 or early 1944 by old schoolmates in Cairo at a rugby match between the 6th SA Armoured Division and New Zealanders (apparently SA won.)

\* He shot down five enemy aircraft and held the squadron record for the most flights over enemy territory (in Tunisia).

\* He was "shot up" three times, survived and brought his damaged aircraft home. He won the DFC for his courage in getting some of his squadron's aircraft home.

\* He failed to return from a mission over Normandy in July 1944. He was confirmed killed in action on July 18, 1944, and is buried in Bonnebosq, a town in Normandy.

He was 25 years of age. Members of the British soldier's family have visited the grave frequently and found it in good shape. They also see that Graham Kaufmann's grave is kept in good order.



**PRO PATRIA . . . Capt. Graham Kaufmann pictured in the 1944 Dale Magazine.**

**Right: Researcher David Cimma**

# Never, never, never give up!

**\*MALCOM ANDREW, Headmaster of Dale College from 1982 to 1996, was the guest speaker at the 2011 College prize-giving. Here are edited extracts from his inspiring address.**

LET ME congratulate you all on a few achievements.  
 \* This is one of the few schools in South Africa that are 150 years old. Very well done! You have a wonderful base on which to build the next 150 years of this school's history.  
 \* At Reunion earlier this year you klapped Queens! Wonderful. On the day after this win the sun rose as usual on Queens-town, but it shone just a little brighter in King William's Town! A great game and a most satisfying result.  
 The last time I saw this hall full of the Manne in the Red and the Black was 15 years ago and it's a great sight. Great to be back in this beautiful hall with some familiar staff, the magnificent Hallowed Courtyard etc.

All bring back stirring memories, some of which I cannot share with you at this prestigious occasion. However, some I can:

\* Our little dog lifting its leg and weeing on Sir Langham in front of a packed pavilion at the first rugby match after I was appointed principal. This was sacrilegious. I expected to be fired the next day, but the Governing Body had mercy.

\* When we lived in Joubert House our children's bikes were regularly "borrowed" in the middle of the night by new boys so they could bunk downtown to buy freshly-baked warm bread from the Anglo African for their old boys. Is Anglo still there? Is this still done?

\* Bribing Frank Tyson, a Sutton House matric, who was a certain failure in the matric exams. I promised him the biggest bottle of champagne in King if he confounded the critics, did the impossible and passed matric first time round.

Not only did he pass, but he travelled from Durban just to collect his prize. Dalians are very thirsty men.

These were all very special moments. Good and clean fun.

*What shall we talk about tonight?*

The most recent 150-year old school? A good topic, but I think maybe you have heard enough on that topic recently.

The state of Education in the Eastern Cape? Nothing is happening so there is nothing to talk about.

For 14 years I sat in the hot seat that Mr (Mike) Eddy now occupies and listened to prize-giving speakers.

Some were brilliant and were very successful in getting a powerful message across to the Manne of Dale; some talks were easily forgettable and unfortunately a few were a little short of total disasters.

I was born during the Second World War and my heroes were:

\* Winston Churchill, British Prime

**GREAT TO BE BACK ... Andy and Pam Andrew**

**\* Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS**



## Ex-head Andy Andrew challenges Dalians

Minister, who led Allies troops to save the world from the evils of Nazis – if Churchill had failed, you and I would have no knowledge of democracy today; and

\* Douglas Bader, a Spitfire pilot who lost both his legs in a crash, then talked his way back into the fighter plane and continued the war. In 1940 fibreoptics and electronics were not yet invented.

Bader was fitted with two tin legs and was told he would never walk again without help. Not only did he learn to walk again, he also learnt how to play golf. He never gave up. He did not know how to give up.

One of my greatest experiences was spending the night talking to him after he presented the prize-giving speech at Queen's College in the early 1960s.

Both Bader and Churchill were men of principle. When faced with super-human odds,

## SUPER HEROES



**WINSTON CHURCHILL**



**DOUGLAS BADER**

they never gave up. Both have gone down in history as superb human beings.

We are a little short of people of this type of quality these days.

A few years after the Second World War Winston Churchill was invited to do what I am doing tonight: Talk to the students of his old school in England at the annual prize-giving.

Imagine a stage like this one, filled with dignitaries in their robes: the only difference would be the people on the stage. They would have dukes, duchesses, lords and ladies and a prince or two and Winston Churchill, probably the greatest man alive at that time.

Now that the war over everyone had come to hear what this great man Winston Churchill had to say.

When called upon to make his speech he moved to the lectern, looked at the boys in the hall and in his very powerful voice said: "Never, never, never, never give up" and he turned and sat down.

That was his speech. It lasted all of five seconds. And there is the message for tonight! "Never, never, never, never give up!"

All of you, not just the matrics, have considerable challenges ahead of you. Once you have set your course in life you will encounter problem after problem and you dare not give up if you are to reach your potential.

You will be tested: your tenacity, your persistence must never allow

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# Andy hails Dale heroes Ntini and Lennard

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you to be diverted from your goal.

You, of course, have some magnificent Dale examples to follow.

\* “The Mdingi Express,” Makhaya Ntini.

As a Dalian he overcame impossible odds to become one of the greatest fast bowlers in the world. His journey started with a limited overs match on the Victoria Grounds in little King William’s Town and soon his influence was being felt all over the cricketing world. It was not easy for Makhaya.

He had super-human challenges to overcome, but he “never, never, never, never gave up.” He reached his extraordinary potential and earned the respect of all who are privileged to know him.

\* Another Old Dalian who had no idea how to give up was Alan Lennard, a brilliant squash player. As a result of a freak accident in the early 1990 s Alan had to have a leg removed.

*(One day I was driving down Queen’s Road when I saw Alan on crutches going in the same direction. I stopped to offer him a lift but he wouldn’t get in the car.*

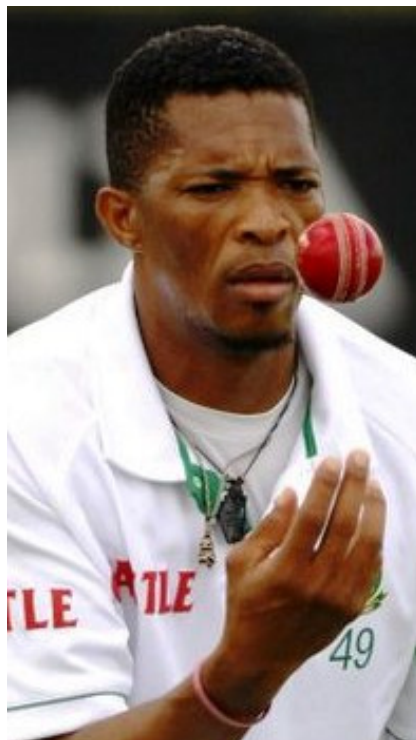
*His friends later told me he would not accept the lift because he was going to the café to buy cigarettes.)*

How many of you have played squash as some stage in your lives? Could you play this game with only one leg?

Alan did. He played for Dale with an artificial leg and was very good.

One of your biggest challenges in the future is going to be to find a job. In my day it was easier: you joined the Government services or got hired by one of the large companies like Shell, or one of the banks etc.

Today if you cannot find suitable employment (and there are eight million unemployed



**HE NEVER GAVE UP ...  
Makhaya Ntini**

people of all age groups in the country, with 1.3 million in the 15-24 age group) you would be well-advised to create your own job.

I am certain that you have enjoyed these two products, Ouma Rusks and Simba Chips. But do you know the story behind them?

Years ago a Mrs Greyvenstein from Molento heard a sermon about the talents that God has given us talents that we must use.

At the end of the church service the minister handed her money and told her to use her talents to benefit others.

Mrs Greyvenstein was an outstanding cook so she used the money to buy ingredients for rusks, went back to the farm and, using her special recipe, baked a batch of rusks. She then took them into town sold them all, picked up new orders and a new business was born.

Today on the farm Friedenheim in the Molteno district her OUMA factory still stands and employs over 300 staff. They bake rusks to sell all over the world.

In the 1950s she diversified and started to make chips from good quality potatoes. Hence Simba chips.

Twenty years ago her company sold rusks and chips worth millions of rands per year. Not bad for an old tannie from the Karoo.

Mrs Greyvenstein and her family had numerous problems which they had to solve. They were tested by the lack of orders, lack of finance, competition from other companies, dishonest staff etc, etc. But they “never, never, never, never gave up” and reached their potential.

Now that you have the recipe for success, get out of here and make a success of your lives, because nothing else will make you happy. Set your goals high; ignore the whiners, the born-losers and constant complainers and “never, never, never, never give up.”

Or as your Dale motto says, “Per Ardua ad Astra (“Through effort to the stars”), or “Carpe Diem” (“Seize the Day”), or as our grandsons tell us, “Get with the programme, bro,” or as Dalians used to say in my day, “Vat hom, Fluffy.”

They all mean the same thing: Get out there, use the God-given talents you have been blessed with and make a positive difference in this wonderful world we have inherited.

## A Dalian who was sent back to his old school

OLD DALIAN Dirk Uys (matric 1952) has told how he began his high school education in Std 7 at Dale College in 1949 only to be sent back to his previous school.

The reason: The principal of De Vos Malan in King William’s Town would not release him without Dirk serving a term’s notice.

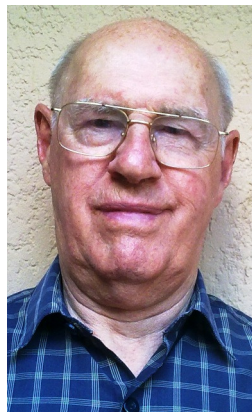
So, after spending a couple of weeks at Dale, Dirk went back to De Vos for the rest of the first term.

“Done that, I returned my De Vos books, took up my Dale books again and resumed Std 7 in the second term without a hitch,” says Dirk.

“Luckily, I am not easily upset and accepted it as one of those experiences of life and never looked back or thought about it.”

The interruption in Dirk’s school progress seems to have done him no harm.

Three years later he matriculated with a first class, including distinctions in a few subjects, and won special prizes in commerce, Afrikaans, and one for “bearing, neatness and character.”



**RESERVE BANKER DIRK UYS**

**He won top awards at Dale**

Dirk joined the SA Reserve Bank in Pretoria in 1957 and served the bank for more than 37 years.

He rose to become a senior economist and finally an assistant general manager in the bank’s eco-

nomics department. He retired in 1994 and still lives in Pretoria.

\* Dirk matriculated in the same year as another Afrikaans-speaker. Tertius Myburgh was in class 10A and graduated BA. Dirk (10B) graduated B.Com. and pursued a career in commerce.

Tertius, whose father sent him to Dale to learn English and “how to beat them,” went into journalism and became editor of the Sunday Times.

He died from cancer shortly before he was to become SA Ambassador in Washington.

\* Dirk says his English was “reasonable good” when he went to Dale. He grew up on a farm near Umtata (now Mtatha) where the shopkeepers and neighbouring farmers were English.

Across the river from his farm were long rows of huts. He learnt to speak isiXhosa as his playmates were Xhosas.

The school at Umtata consisted of an English primary school, an Afrikaans primary and an English high school. There was just one assembly – held in English.