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The challenge: Go out and 'sell' Dale

THE cry, "Dale College needs more Dalians", has never been more urgent than now. Especially boarders. Enrolment has dropped steadily in the last few years, as parents feel the pinch and seek schools nearer home.

Many other boarding schools nation-wide are in the same precarious boat. Competition for boarders is intense. As schools shrink so are their subsidies cut and their facilities curtailed. We cannot let this happen to Dale College.

In this issue of TransDale we focus on this challenge and how it can be met. We tell of the threat to close one of Dale's best-loved hostels, Paterson House. We tell of determined efforts by the Dale Family to recruit more boarders and in this way save Presby.

So a renewed plea has gone out to the friends of Dale in the cities and country towns in the school's hinterland: Talk Dale. Spread the word about this fine school. Tell your friends and your colleagues at work about the advantages of a boarding school education and what Dale has meant to you and your sons.

There are aspects of life at Dale that are not found in abundance in urban schools — values such as courtesy, good manners, respect and school pride. They are worth emphasising when you talk Dale.

There can be few better "homes from home" than Dale with its balanced approach to discipline, self-reliance and achievement, be it academic, sporting or cultural.

Parents must know this from their own experience. Old Dalians will remember the values they learnt at Dale. They have not changed.

Because of its high reputation for providing a well-rounded education many people think Dale College is an expensive private college. The truth is that Dale is a government school with a difference. It has many of the superior qualities of a private college, but its fees are comparatively low.

So the challenge is: Go out there and "sell" Dale. If you know of any prospective boarder, talk to his parents. Tell a committee member.

Dale needs boys, especially boarders. It is in our own and our sons' interests to find them.

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How good behaviour by Dalians pays off

GOOD behaviour by Dalians gives a mighty good impression.

Two salutary examples of this have emerged this year. The conduct of the Dalian rugby players at the St Stithian's rugby festival was exemplary. At one function while other schoolboys rushed for the grub, the Dalians stood back. Transvalers were impressed. The fact that Dalian spectators wore their school blazers was also noticeable.

Unsolicited praise for the sporting behaviour of a group of Dalians came earlier this year from an East London cricket fan. After attending the Impalas vs Northern Transvaal match at the Victoria Grounds in King William's Town on February 8, Mr Paul Braithwaite wrote this letter to the Headmaster, Mr Malcom Andrew:

"In this day and age where crowd behaviour or lack thereof tends to receive as much publicity as the actual event itself, I would like to compliment your boys on their behaviour at this event.

"A friend and I were sitting on the open portion of the main stand when we were suddenly surrounded by boys from your school.

"At the time we were, to say the least, a bit worried about the inconvenience of having schoolboys running up and down the stand and generally misbehaving themselves.

"However, we were most pleasantly surprised by the dignified manner in which they conducted themselves, both in their knowledge of the game and their spirit.

"Sir, I have played soccer in many countries of the world and I have yet to witness such faultless behaviour by a bunch of schoolboys.

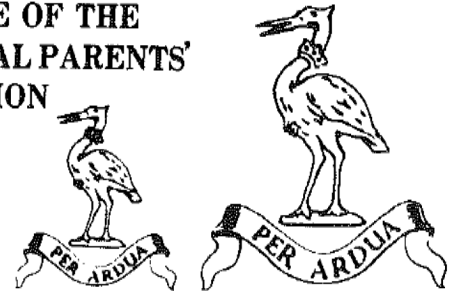
"To this end I offer my sincere congratulations and assure you that we would be only too happy to be in the company of such a perfect crowd of gentlemen at any time in the future.

"It would be appreciated if you would pass on our thanks to your boys for making our evening such a pleasant and enjoyable one."

That's high praise. Manners still maketh man.

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The Tvl Dale parents' committee for 1989-90

HERE is the new committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association elected at the 1989 annual general meeting.

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Brian Ayres takes over ... thank you, Neville!

AFTER two years as chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association Neville Patience has been succeeded by Brian Ayres, his vice-chairman in 1988-89.

Neville stays on the committee and his wife Colleen remains treasurer and will continue to run the railway block bookings. Rina Fortmann is back as secretary and her husband Hank is again on the committee.

Brian paid tribute at the AGM to Neville's service to the association and Neville thanked retiring committee members for their contribution.

It's farewell to Uwe and Pat Lehmgrubler, Peter and Pat Robbins, Jenny Oosthuizen and Bill and Ann Kerr.

When Dale came marching in



Dale's Lyle Mundell on the attack, with Taylor Tait backing up against Durban High School



Strong-running Dale centre Michael Monaghan breaks away with fullback Alan Canny dashing up in support. Dale beat DHS 14-12. Pictures on this page were taken by TOM EDLEY

WINNING comes second in the annual St Stithian's College inter-school rugby festival — or so the story goes.

The game's the thing and the camaraderie it creates among the players. The festival is played in a tremendous spirit that could well be copied by rugby's senior stars.

But make no mistake: the rugby at the 1989 festival, played over the Easter weekend, was still intensely competitive.

Dale College, taking part for the first time, came out tops, with two wins and a draw. They were the only unbeaten team in the tournament.

The tour proved that the spirit of Dale remains strong in the Transvaal among parents and Old Dalians.

St Stithian's, Randburg, hosted nine visiting teams, King Edward's, St John's College and Pretoria Boys High School from the Transvaal, Kearsney College, Durban High School and Northlands from Natal, South African College School (SACs) from the Cape, and Dale and their old rivals, Queen's College, from the Border.

In their three games the Dalians showed that they had the makings of an outstanding side that were later to defeat both their old rivals, Queen's and Selborne, twice in the season.

Clearly the Easter tour paved the way for a rousing season in which Dale lost three games, to

Sweet revenge over KES, but what a cliffhanger against the Saints!

Grey High, Cambridge and Maritzburg.

The captain, Quentin Maritz, showed the leadership qualities which were borne out in the rest of the season.

There was clearly a fine on-the-field understanding between Maritz, the wing and deputy headboy, and Alan Canny, the fullback and head-boy. They proved a dangerous duo.

The touring team showed great potential. The backline was prominent with hard running and clean handling and there was powerful support from the pack.

The scores obviously do not tell the full tale. Dale beat KES 11-3, drew 18-18 with St Stithian's and beat DHS 14-12.

In the first game on Thursday, March 23, Dale avenged their injury-time defeat by KES the previous June with a decisive victory. It was a thrilling game, with Dale taking advantage of KES's mistakes.

The match was played in driving rain with supporters sheltering under trees and umbrellas. However, spirits were not dampened and consid-

ering the conditions there were some spectacular movements.

Dale scored two tries, one by Maritz and the second by Canny after a fine passing movement between them that began well in the Dale half. Both tries were unconverted, but flyhalf Warren Raath goaled a penalty. Despite the wet ball both sides handled remarkably well.

KES came back strongly in the second half but could not penetrate the Dale defence. They had to be content with a penalty.

Defeat came desperately close for Dale in the Saturday game against Saints. Down 6-18 six minutes from time, Dale came to life, scoring two dramatic goals to snatch a draw 18-18.

At half-time the teams had been level with a goal from Saints against two penalties by Raath.

Dale did not field their strongest team in this match. They began with five reserves as the spirit of the festival demands that all touring players must play at least once.

Two replacements were brought on at half-time and three more later. With time running out Saints were 18-6 up after another goal and two penalties.

Some faint-hearted Old Dalian supporters had already drifted off in despair when Dale rallied. Centre Anton (Mossie) Hawkes scored after charging down a kick close to the line and Raath converted (18-12).

In the dying moments, hooker Andre Wood scored for Dale and Raath converted to make the final score 18-18. A close shave!

The last game against DHS on Easter Monday was exciting, though less nail-biting, and notable for some fine handling movements. Flanker Taylor Tait scored first for Dale after a movement started by eighth man Steven Hall. Raath converted (6-0).

DHS equalised with a goal after a forward breakout from a line-out. Tait scored his second try after a fine movement but after a penalty by



Dale's Bradley Hall taps the ball to Reon Kockjeu with Stewart Coyle-Maybery (No 1) and John Green moving in

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DALE TOPS ON TOUR

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DHS Dale led by only 10-9 at half-time.

In the second half Dale camped in the DHS half, and went further ahead with a try by Maritz. DHS narrowed the gap with a penalty, but Dale had kept their unbeaten record.

The Dale team received vociferous support from Transvaal Daliens, parents and Old Daliens and an enthusiastic band of about 50 camp followers from King. The War Cry was heard after every score and again when victory circles were formed on the fields after the games.

Headmaster Malcom Andrew said the support for Dale was "unbelievable." He praised the behaviour of the Dale spectators. "The Daliens were the only school in full uniform."

Congratulating the team on their performance, he said: "Taylor Tait was outstanding as a loose forward. Stewart Coyle-Maybery was probably one of the strongest props on display. Allan Long at scrumhalf and Warren Raath were also outstanding."

Mick Paterson, in his first season as the Dale First XV coach, said the boys felt a tremendous commitment to their Old Dalian supporters.

"Their general behaviour as ambassadors for Dale was fantastic. At an after-match reception, while other teams scrambled for food the Daliens, noticeable in their white blazers, held back. Jo'burg people were impressed.

"The general spirit at the festival between the boys and between the coaches was very good. Ideas were shared and coaches helped each other. The fact that the boys were housed all together in hostels and not farmed out over the city helped foster spirit."

Mick paid tribute to the organisation of the festival which he termed "very professional."

Of his first season, he said: "I loved it. It was fantastic. We had 110 percent commitment from the boys. They gave everything. This makes coaching such a pleasure. There was a fantastic spirit in the side and good camaraderie."

Dale have been invited back to next year's festival, to be held over the Easter weekend with games on Thursday, April 12, Saturday the 14th, and Monday the 16th.

Unfortunately Easter falls in the middle of the second term so many Transvaal Daliens may not be home for the weekend. Let's hope parents and Old Boys will give Dale lots of support.

Mick Paterson is confident about Dale's prospects. He expects that Dale will field a strong side with seven or eight first teamers back. Challenging for first XV positions will be second team players who had a very good season.

Beware those Jo'burg car thieves!

LAST year thieves tried to steal a Dale school bus in Johannesburg. This year they succeeded.

It happened on Easter Monday night when Dale teacher Rob le Roux took 20 boys from the Under 15 team to the Rand Show. He parked the Toyota minibus at the main gate up against the fence and put on the immobiliser.

When the Dale group returned two hours later the bus had gone.

"It was unbelievable!" said Rob. "And there were cops everywhere."

Fortunately the party had another hired combi, in which the teachers took two loads of boys to Neville and Colleen Patience's house in

nearby Meredale. And the bus was insured.

The boys, who had been taking part in a junior rugby festival organised by Jeppe High School, squeezed into other cars for the return to King later in the week.

● It was Rob le Roux's second encounter with Johannesburg car thieves. In September 1988 he surprised two teenagers hiding under a tree in front of a Dale minibus early one morning in the grounds of the Milpark Holiday Inn.

Later an attempt was made to steal the other school bus by forcing a door and tampering with the ignition. The bus had to be push-started at every stop on the way home to King.

Beware those Transvaal drivers!

DALE Headmaster Malcom Andrew learnt a hard lesson on his Easter visit to Johannesburg: Don't honk your horn at Transvaal drivers!

Andy and his wife Pam were driving to the Old Dalian dinner dance at Old Edwardian's with Bill and Diane Beckley when a car carrying four young men cut in front of them.

"I had to bring my car to a screeching halt," said Andy, who sounded his hooter full blast.

"It was a wrong move and a hair-raising drive followed. They chased us up hill and down dale. They tried to force me into the pavement. I went through two red robots hoping a cop would stop me."

Finally, after a scary ten kilometres, the visitors from the Border lost their pursuers as they drove into the shelter of Old Eds in Houghton.

Luckless juniors go down gamely

THE Dale Under 15 rugby team's visit to Johannesburg over Easter was somewhat overshadowed by the success of the First XV in the St Stithian's festival.

But the juniors performed creditably in the tournament organised by Jeppe High. Their defeats were close and luck didn't go their way.

In the first game played in driving rain Dale failed to settle down and lost 4-nil to Alberton.

In the next Pretoria Boys' High shot into a 6-nil lead in 30 seconds and were up 13-0 in 15 minutes. Dale fought back gamely in the second half but went down 13-10.

Dale were unlucky to lose 10-8 to Northlands, who scored a converted try after an interception and then two penalties. Dale scored two superb tries which were not converted.

The games saw good running rugby from the Daliens. Mitchell, Wessels and Hendricks shone among the backs and Staples, Downing and Bahlmann were prominent in the pack.

Try-scorers were Downing (two) Staples and Hendricks (one each) with Bennie and Kritzinger each converting one.

'Bye Mrs Pennink: Hello Mrs Esprey

DALE'S sister school, the Kaffrarian High School, will have a new headmistress next year.

Mrs Jenny Pennink, who has held the post for 17 years, leaves at the end of 1989 to become the Cape's first woman Superintendent of Education in 68 years.

Her successor at KHS will be Mrs Margaretha Esprey, now Deputy Principal of the Collegiate High School for girls, Port Elizabeth.

Mrs Pennink presented the prizes and gave the address at this year's junior prizegiving (Stds 6 and 7) at Dale College. Last month she received the East London Women's Bureau award for education.

Before becoming head of KHS in 1972 Mrs Pennink was an English teacher at Dale. At the end of the year she and her husband Louis will move to Cape Town where she will take up her post as Superintendent of Education (educational guidance, English).

Mrs Esprey is a graduate (BA, cum laude) of the University of Stellenbosch. She has taught at Hangklip High School, Queenstown, Daniel Pienaar Technical High School, Uitenhage, and Grey High School, Port Elizabeth.

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THREAT TO CLOSE PATERSON HOUSE AS NUMBERS DROP

ONE of Dale's oldest hostels, Paterson House, may be shut down unless more boarders can be attracted to boost the school's declining numbers.

All four hostels are below capacity. The 60-year-old Paterson, known affectionately as Presby to thousands of boys who have passed through it, is the most vulnerable. It is the only hostel not owned by the Cape Education Department.

Mr Malcom Andrew, Headmaster of Dale, says high schools throughout South Africa have been hit by a drop in enrolment. The cause, in his view: A fall in the white birthrate compounded in boarding schools by the nation's economic situation and rising cost of living.

Queen's College has already had to close a hostel and some of the Transvaal's oldest schools face the same problem.

Natal schools are also struggling for numbers. After a recent visit to Durban, Roger Budler, National President of the Old Dalian Union, reported that a hostel at Ixopo was empty, Beachwood and Northlands Boys' High were merging and the Carmel Jewish school was closing due to a shortage of pupils.

The national white school intake peaked six to eight years ago but since then, says Mr Andrew, a gentle but steady decline has rippled through to the senior school.

"Now we have more Standard Tens than Standard Sixes," he said. "We have accommodation for 300 boarders and are 30 per cent down on this. We have been losing about 35 boarders a year for the last couple of years."

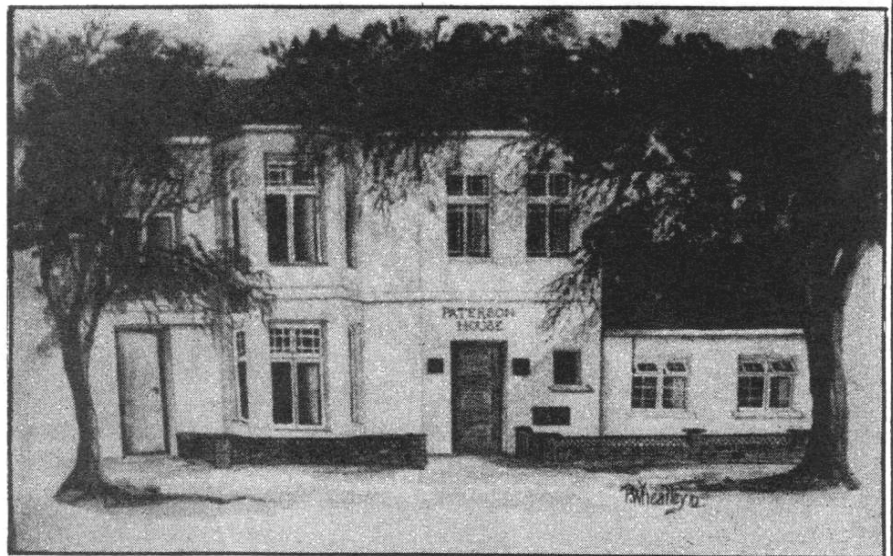
Eight months ago the Cape Education Department wrote to the school suggesting that in view of the drop in numbers Paterson should be closed and its boarders moved to other hostels.

Dale is resisting this. The School Board has supported its stand and urged the Department to give the school two years to boost its numbers and save the hostel.

Mr Ray Radue, MP for King William's Town and an Old Dalian, has appealed to the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Clase.

Nothing further has been heard from the Department for six months so the school is hoping Presby has won a temporary reprieve.

Now a nation-wide campaign has been launched by the school, the Old Dalian Union and parents' associations to recruit more boarders for



DOOMED? Paterson House . . . from a painting by Paulette Wheatley

PRESBY IN PERIL

Dale and save Presby. Ironically Paterson House with 75 boarders is one of the fullest hostels at Dale. Only Joubert, with 85, has more. But Diocesan and Sutton are both down to 45 this year.

Paterson House is owned by the Langham

Trust. This group bought the hostel from the Presbyterian Church some years ago when the church, which established it in 1930, could no longer afford to run it.

The Department now subsidises the hostel by R115 000 a year, including R2 000 rent a month, plus staff salaries and wages etc.

Mr Andrew says the biggest problem caused by the drop in numbers is that for every boy lost the school loses R160 a quarter in school fees. Income is less but it still costs the same amount to run the college.

If the school's enrolment is not restored to its previous high level (more than 600 in 1986) Dale's status as a SKS-6 school will be reduced. This could mean a drop in the number and calibre of teachers and a drop in the state subsidy.

"The position is extremely serious," said the Headmaster. "We need 100 more boys for Dale."

● **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Write to the Editor, *TransDale*, 33 Sheila Street, Dunvegan, Edenvale, 1610.

Old Dalians rally to find more Dalians

MORE BOYS FOR DALE! This is one of the top priorities of the 1989-90 executive of the Old Dalian Union led by its National President, Roger Budler, who is Deputy Head of Dale Junior.

Recruitment forms part of an Old Dalian drive into the school's immediate hinterland as well as the ODU's main provincial branches.

Roger Budler believes that one reason for the drop in Dale numbers is that the school has lost its hinterland — the farming and trading communities of the Transkei and the Ciskei which were a major source of Dale boarders in the pre-independence years.

Now the ODU is trying to win back active interest and support from Old Dalians in country areas near King — like Kei Road, Komgha, Stutterheim, Elliot, Barkly East, Indwe, Adelaide, Dordrecht, Cathcart and Moltano.

Local "talent scouts" have been appointed to look out for prospective Dalians and send their names to the ODU executive which will pass them on to the school to follow up.

A drive has been launched in Natal after the visit to Durban by Mr Budler. Areas such as the South Coast, where he says there is a shortage of quality schools, and East Griqualand are being targeted.

"There are two ways in which Old Dalians can

indirectly recruit boys for Dale," says Mr Budler. "Every Old Dalian needs to understand that the example he sets in his area — at his workplace and in public affairs — will influence people to send their boys to Dale."

"Old Dalian enthusiasm for the union can help influence other parents. Old Boys should wear their colours and talk Dale."

He believes the school should not see Old Dalians as solely responsible for recruitment.

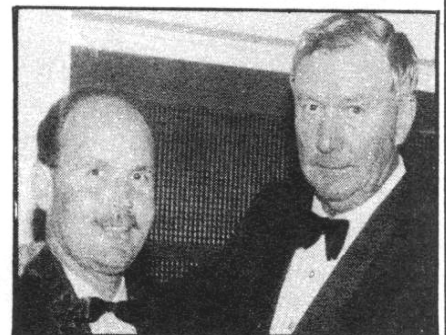
"The school is its own Number One marketing tool. Every single Dalian and staff member must be aware of the image he portrays. The school is the product and must sell itself by what it does."

Mr Budler says schools have become ultra-competitive over numbers. The result: Quality schools in all major centres have become market-orientated and are tending to keep their boys in their areas.

This and boarding school costs are other reasons why Dale's numbers have fallen, he believes.

One factor that disturbs Roger Budler is that fewer Old Dalians are sending their sons to Dale. A small percentage of boarders are sons of Old Dalians and many old Dalians in "our hinterland" are sending their sons to other schools.

Mr Budler realises this is a personal decision for both parents, some of whom prefer to send



ROGER BUDLER is inducted as the 1989-1990 National President of the ODU by Sid Knott, the outgoing president

their sons to schools nearer home. But he appeals to Old Dalians to think seriously and objectively about it.

● Two members of the Dale School Committee have recruitment as their portfolio. Derek Moodie is responsible for the Eastern Cape and Jack Rosenberg for bigger centres like Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban.

TRANSVAAL FUN DAY MOVES TO EASTER AN



GOLFER Mick Webb of King



AT THE MIKE: Auctioneer Jack Rosenberg, Headmasters Andy Andrew and Roy Taylor

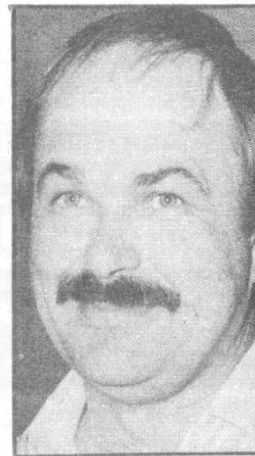
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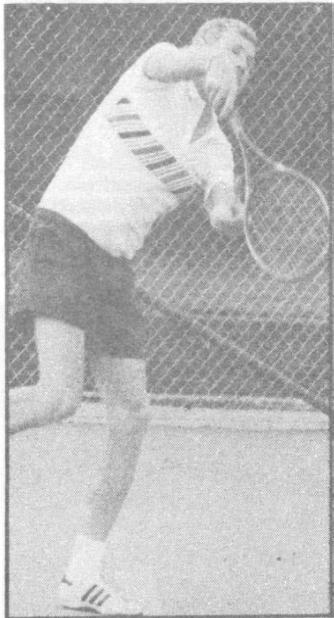
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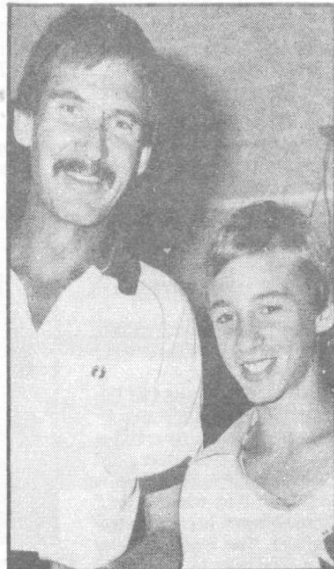
TENNIS: John Switala



GOLF PRIZE-WINNERS Ken Mourant (third), G



TENNIS WINNER Brian Ayres



← **MOST GOLF:** Transvaal family team of John and Robbie Gemmell won the booby prize. But they made a comeback at Reunion as the first parent and child past the finish in a 4km fun run

THE Transvaal parents' annual Fun Day has become one of the most important events on the Dale Family calendar.

That's how Dale College Headmaster Malcom Andrew described it when paying tribute to parents' efforts at the 1989 Fun Day on Easter Sunday.

The event was brought forward because of the visit of players and supporters from King William's Town for the two Easter rugby tournaments.

This is the sixth Fun Day run by Transvaal parents and the fourth held at Benoni Country Club. A record amount of R4 300 was raised for the two Dale schools, thanks to strong support by sponsors and an excellent turnout. Auctions and other fund-raising contests helped to swell the takings.

Despite the holiday weekend, more than 200 parents, Old and present Dalian and friends took part in events. King visitors included Mr and Mrs Andrew, Dale Junior head Roy Taylor (who finished top), her friend Rita Pomeranetz, and Dale parent and committee member Margaret Ayres. Mr Taylor finished fourth, blaming "bad bidding" by the ladies.

Mr Taylor, wearing a neck-brace after a water-skiing accident, could not play golf, but was happy to join three Transvaal ladies in the Fun Day's first bridge school. They were Bunty Sutton (who finished top), her friend Rita Pomeranetz, and Dale parent and committee member Margaret Ayres. Mr Taylor finished fourth, blaming "bad bidding" by the ladies.

Nearly 120 golfers turned out. First with 46 points in a betterball stableford competition were Gavin Strever and G Brown, who won an Aquanaut pool cleaner and two Xpanda security gates.

One point behind were Dale parent Peter Lotter and Ronnie Corcoran, who took away two putters

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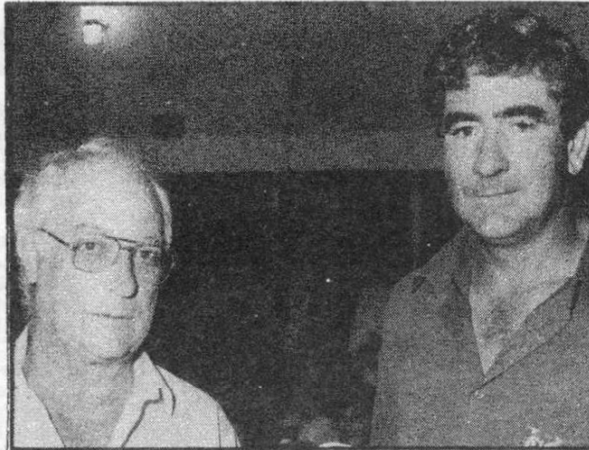
● Next year's Transvaal parents' Fun Day will again be held on Easter Sunday at Benoni Country Club. The date: April 15, 1990.

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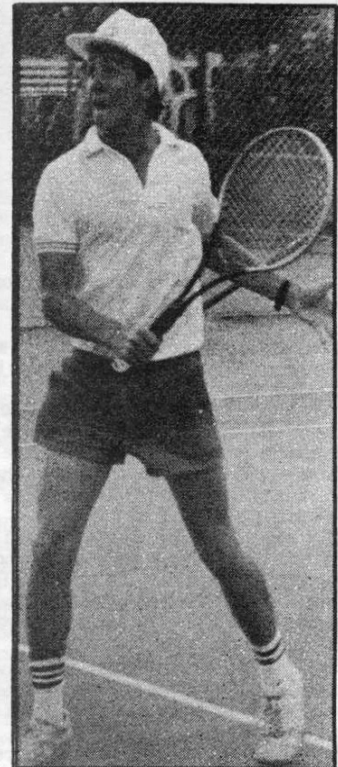
D FUNDS FOR DALE SOAR TO RECORD R4 300!



Mourant and G Strever with Mrs Pam Andrew



GOLF RUNNERS-UP Ronnie Corcoran and Peter Lotter



TENNIS: Dalian Richard Bennett



Mourant Rau and Uwe Lehmgrubler (fourth)

LONGEST DRIVE: Denise Mourant (right) with Pam Andrew

specially made to promote J&B whisky. On third were Old Dalian Ken Mourant and K Angel, who received watches donated by Roodepoort Toyota.

Uwe Lehmgrubler brought in so many prizes from Toyota that he couldn't help winning one of them, a set of gold cufflinks, on fourth with Grant Rau, a post-matric Dalian.

Vicky Krauss, a former Dale parent, and her son Neville were fifth — and Old Dalian Neil Crossey and his partner, Andre White, came in sixth.

There was some confusion in the ladies' nearest-the-pin contests. No one got on the 12th green and nearest on the third was announced to cheers and laughter as "N Crossey". Some wag had put Neil's name on the flag. Ms Crossey did not claim her prize.

Men's nearest-the-pin prizes went to Wally Brockett and Old Dalian Michael Aldendorf. Chairman Neville Patience won the putter for the longest drive.

Denise Mourant, a parents' committee member, again hit the ladies' longest drive and her son Miles and husband Mike also won prizes.

The prize for best gross was won by T Howard Tripp and S Jones and the "most golf" award went to John Gemmell and his Dalian son Robbie.

The tennis round robin was won by Brian Ayres, now chairman of the parents' association, and Alby Whitehouse, with Richard Bennett, a Dalian, and Margaret Switala on second. Her Dalian son John and Jo-Anne Whitehouse were third and the booby prizes were won by Dalians Shaun van der Toorn and David Switala.

Bowls winners were Gert Ludick, Dereck Moodie, Rina Fortmann, Viv Livingston, Mercia McLean, Anne Kerr, Shaun McLean, Malcolm Cunningham, Lyn Funnell, Bill Beckley and Dave Mitchell.

King Dalians Richard and Mark Funnell took first and second squash prizes, followed by Richard Murrin, David Duncan and Glenn Patience.



GOLFING jokers Neil Crossey (left) and Andre White



HAMPER WINNER John Watson



SQUASH: Richard Murrin



TENNIS booby prize: David Switala and Shaun van der Toorn

FACE OF COURAGE

THE story of Allan Lennard is one of quiet courage and determination. Since he lost his leg in a freak rugby accident he has won the hearts of the people of King William's Town with his guts and grit.

And he has gone from strength to strength in his career and on the sports field.

It is just three years since Allan injured a knee while playing for Dale's 11th team in Queenstown against Queen's College. The leg had to be amputated. But his determination has outshone his disability.

After five operations and six weeks in hospital Allan was discharged and was back at school three weeks later.

Before his accident Allan — the eldest son of Dale teacher Terry Lennard — was a star in the first squash team.

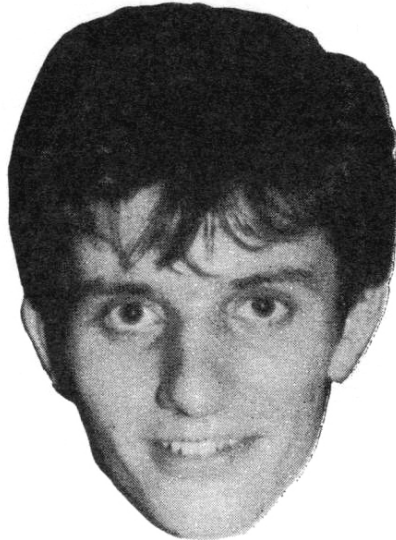
From his hospital bed he said he would be back on the squash court in "no time." And he was. Nine months later he won his first game as a member of the third team, hopping around the court on one leg to beat his opponent from Hudson Park High School, East London.

Allan also picked up where he left off as a golfer and spent almost every Friday on the course with his young brothers Mark and Brian. He lost a term in his matric year but he still passed at the end of the year. He redid the year to get his matric exemption.

At the school's 1986 prizegiving he was awarded a special staff prize for courage and determination. Fellow pupils applauded as he went up to the stage on crutches.

By the next year's ceremony he had received an artificial leg. When he walked up confidently to receive a trophy for determination in sport it was an even more emotional moment. The teacher announcing the awards was his father.

After leaving school Allan took up a post as an



Old Dalian Allan walks tall — at work, study and on the sports fields

articled clerk with a local firm of accountants and is now in his second year as a part-time BCom student at the University of South Africa.

Allan plays sixth-league squash for the King William's Town Club. During the past season he was chosen as the club's "player of the week" for his impressive record of losing few games.

A club spokesman, Chris Faul, praised his determination and said Allan had jumped from the ninth to the sixth team in one year.

"Since mobility is vital in squash Allan has to rely on other skills to compensate for this. He does so by hitting the ball very well, keeping his opponent well to the back of the court and has incredible ability in changing his direction on his left leg," said Chris.

Last year Allan, playing cricket for the Pirates third team, was the hero of a match against Ciskei Prisons. Using a runner, he was top scorer with 49, hitting seven fours and two sixes in a 67-run partnership which saved his side and clinched the match.

When Allan is asked to explain his achievements, he maintains he owes it to his parents, his friends and the people of King. From the day he lost his leg their continual support gave him the strength he needed to succeed, he says.

When he was in hospital friends went down to East London almost every night to visit him. When he returned home they popped in to see him in the afternoons.

Says the Headmaster, Malcom Andrew: "I think what helped Allan most was that his friends never pitied him.

"About two weeks after he had been back at school I found him playing soccer on the playground. I asked him whether that was wise.

"The boys said, 'Ah, leave him sir, he's fine'. I think he has been an inspiration to many boys."

CONGRATULATIONS, TRANSVAAL DALIANS . . .

THESE Transvaal Dalians have received colours awards in sport or other fields this year:

HOCKEY — Colours: Kevin Lowe (son of Mr and Mrs Barry Lowe of Endicott), Grant Rau (Mrs L Rau of Germiston), David Robbins (Mr and Mrs P Robins of Benoni).

RUGBY — Half colours: Grant Cockeran (Mr and Mrs Percy Cockeran of Springs).

SHOOTING — Colours: Neils Inderbiethen (Mr

and Mrs B Inderbiethen of Pullenshope). Half colours: Barry Peters (Mr and Mrs Leo Peters of Mondeor, Johannesburg).

CADET BAND — Half colours: Dale Ladner (Mr and Mrs Hugh Ladner of Johannesburg) and Andrew de la Harpe (Mr and Mrs J A de la Harpe, of Dundee — although Andrew lives in Natal he joins the Transvaal boys on the train to and from King William's Town).

AND CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO . . .

● **FOUR** Dale teachers, who have received degrees and diplomas from Rhodes University.

They are: Mr Marius Garbers, MA, for a thesis on the Afrikaans writer Hennie Aucamp; Mr Adri Leurs, BA, with majors in Afrikaans and art; Mrs Louise Hoyle, BEd, and Mr Victor Radloff, Higher Diploma of Education.

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Mike Mourant heads Tvl ODU

THE Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union has new headquarters and a new chairman — Mike Mourant, who was National President of the ODU in 1986-87.

The branch has moved its HQ from the Zoo Lake Club to the offices of First National Bank's North City Corporate branch, cnr. Biccard and Stiemens Streets, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, of which Mike is manager.

He succeeds Dudley (Dux) Andrews, who was chairman for three years and was responsible for some very successful Old Dalian functions, ably assisted by his secretary, Alan Davis.

Mike's son Haydn is the new secretary and John Francis is treasurer.

Mike moved to Johannesburg in October 1987 from Natal where he was prominent in Old Dalian and Dale parent activities. He and his wife Denise are on the committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. Their younger son Miles is in Std 9 at Dale and in the first cricket team. The new ODU committee held its first function, a stag party, at its HQ on November 10.

● New postal address: PO Box 31658, Braamfontein 2017.

The two days when Dale went Royal

DALE COLLEGE has its fair share of Royal connections. In 1947 the late King George VI rested at Frank Joubert House and this year a Dale history teacher received a letter from Queen Elizabeth's lady-in-waiting.

David Boothroyd wrote to the Queen to tell how a group of Dalians marked the 90th anniversary of the erection of Queen Victoria's statue in Maclean Square, King William's Town. The letter thanked Mr Boothroyd for the photograph and said Her Majesty was touched by this gesture.

As a young princess, Queen Elizabeth visited King with her family and waved to a crowd of admirers from the balcony at Frank Joubert.

The room in which her father rested has a brass plaque above the bed where he lay down. Old Dalians Bill Beckley and Sid Knott were among the admirers who saw the Royal Family in 1947. Their sons Michael and Robin now share the "Royal Room" at Joubert House with another Dalian, Graeme Leurs.

Now Bradley from Joeys prefers joys of small-town life

SPORTS star Bradley Worth, a former Dale College headboy and Transvaal, has become a real Kingite.

Bradley, 21, who left Dale after completing a post-matric course in 1986, is engaged to Laetitia Field, his Kaffrarian High School sweetheart.

The young couple live and work in King William's Town and are both very much part of the town's closely-knit community.

They can be seen walking to work almost every morning. Bradley leaves Laetitia at the corner of Alexandra Road where she works at the Deeds Office and he proceeds to the firm of chartered accountants where he is articled.

Their spare time is spent like many other young King couples. While Bradley studies part time or excels on the cricket pitch or squash court, Laetitia busies herself at home or with family and friends.

A former Mondeor Primary School headboy, Bradley spent five years at Dale as a boarder at Diocesan Hostel. He stayed on in the town to pursue his career in accountancy and his close friendship with Laetitia, a quiet, gentle person who supports her fiancé in every way.

Life in the small town has been hectic and rewarding for Bradley, son of Bob and the late Desiree Worth of Johannesburg.

A Pirates first team cricketer, Bradley was chosen as the club's cricketer of the year in January 1989.

He was a member of the King Permkleen XI

SWEETHEARTS:
Bradley and
Laetitia . . . they
walk to work



last year but was not available for this year's tournament because of his studies.

He played for the Buffaloes first league squash team this season and the King Town first league the previous season.

While not on the sports field Bradley is a conscientious student and has almost completed his BCom through the University of South Africa. He aims to be a chartered accountant.

As a Dalian Bradley made history at the school when he captained the SA Schools squash team. A Nuffield Schools cricketer, he was also a South African softball player while still at school.

Looking back on his years as a Dalian, Bradley says he enjoyed school. But he believes that not enough emphasis is placed on technical education in South Africa.

In his matric year at school, he told TransDale: "I would not have gone to any other school in South Africa and I am damn sure my sons will go to Dale."

Transvalers in the Dale Family should not

despair. Bradley has not set his mind on being a Kingite for ever. In another two or three years, he says, he might be back in the "ou Transvaal."

Gregg is headboy

GREGG WEBB, son of Mick and Carol Webb of King William's Town, has been named as the 1990 headboy of Dale College. His deputy is Steven Pope, son of 1984 headboy Charlie Pope and Mrs Pope of Molteno.

Hilton Fortmann, son of Hank and Rina Fortmann of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association committee, will be headboy of Diocesan Hostel and Warrick Ayres, son of committee chairman Brian Ayres and Margaret Ayres a prefect at Paterson House.

R13 000 for two Dales

THE Transvaal Dale Parents' Association has given R13 000 to the two Dales this year — R9 000 to Dale College and R4 000 to Dale Junior.

WHAT MAKES DALE SO SPECIAL

CHOOSING the right high school for your son's education is probably one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make.

Your son may choose to go to boarding school, or circumstances may dictate that he should go to boarding school.

In either case Dale College, King William's Town, is one of the finest schools in South Africa and is worthy of consideration. Some of the questions most commonly asked are:

1. WHAT WILL MY SON GET FROM DALE?

* Cape education, known to be of a very high standard. There is no shortage of qualified teachers at Dale, not even in mathematics or science. More than 90 percent of the staff are men. Classes are small, usually about 25.

* Dale is a college that is steeped in history and tradition, being 128 years old this year. It has a proud record in both the academic and sporting fields in South Africa.

* Dale aims at an all-round education. Cultural and spiritual activities stand shoulder to shoulder with academics and sport. Being a boarder allows your son additional time to take part in the broader range of activities offered.

* This is a college which moulds and polishes a boy. Old-world traditions such as manners and discipline are a part of life at Dale. Dalian will fit into any society with ease and will be a total pleasure to have around. Army training will present fewer problems after the discipline gained.

* Your son will become part of the Dale

Why it's among the top boarding schools in SA

● This has been adapted from a letter sent out by the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association to personnel managers in the Chamber of Mines group.

Please cut it out, copy it and pass it on to any parents you know who may be interested in sending their sons to boarding school.

Family, which includes all affiliated to the college, past and present, including you as parents. This fellowship extends even after he leaves the college and joins the Old Dalian Union, a strong countrywide network.

* The Kaffrarian High School is Dale's sister school and there is a warm relationship between the two schools.

2. WHAT DOES IT COST?

* Dale is a Government school under the Cape Education Department. The cost is much lower than private schools of this calibre.

Boarding fees are at present R490 per term, and are fully inclusive (R7 per day).

There are four terms per year.

School fees are R160 per term.

Railway fees are R210 per term, including adult supervision both ways on the train.

3. WHAT WILL IT MEAN TO ME TO HAVE MY SON AT DALE?

* The knowledge that your son will be getting a sound all-round education and will be well cared for. The people in King take the boarders into their hearts and give them a second home, also giving tremendous support to the college. Very seldom does a boarder spend a leave-out weekend in hostel.

* The Transvaal Parents' Association of Dale College is a strong, enthusiastic parent body geared to providing assistance and support to Transvaal, Newcastle and Dundee parents and boys, plus promoting the Dale family. It also raises funds for the college.

* The Headmasters of both Dale College and Dale Junior visit the Transvaal at least once a year and there is always the opportunity for parents to have discussions with them. It is policy that parents have free access to the headmasters, both in person and by telephone.

* It is certainly sad to have your son away from home for long periods at a time but regular contact by letter or phone makes time fly. Remember when he is home it is prime time and all the old arguments about homework, etc take a back seat.

* Homework — the bone of contention. At Dale it is supervised at prep and additional prep is done near exam time. The computer centre has courses for additional study in several subjects, including mathematics.

Both headmasters will be in the Transvaal in the first week of December for interviews.

* For appointments or information please phone: Brian or Margaret Ayres, 793-3400 (home) or 773-8304 (bus); Neville or Colleen Patience, 942-4325 (home).

The day patience went off the rails

NO-NONSENSE Neville Patience is as tough as teak. But sometimes he finds things a bit trying.

The burly ex-chairman of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association made his third trip "riding shotgun" with the boys on the train from Jo'burg to Blaney on April 3. He hopes it was his last.

It was a journey that neither he nor his fellow passengers are likely to forget. Usually it lasts about 19 hours. This time the trip took 25.

There was no apparent reason for the delay. But, as Neville gallantly puts it, "it was my pleasure."

Here's how he tells it: "This trip never fails to have its moments. But the Railways must have decided that as this was my last I really needed to be aggravated. It was chaos.

"First, there was no list up at Jo'burg station so everyone just piled on to the train. When the conductor tried to check his list I laughed and took out my alphabetical list — thanks to Brian Ayres — and went through our carriages.

"To boot we had an extra carriage. When I finished I had nine passengers missing and four extra.

"He was quite happy about this as we had paid for more than there were on the train. I failed to tell him there were three others getting on later down the line. We ended up three to the good.

"What put paid to the whole trip was that we were on the train 25 hours. Not funny at all."

But the way Neville told it to a monthly committee meeting (and later in his chairman's annual report) it was hilarious. *There's nothing funnier than other people's discomfort.*

"We left Jo'burg at 9am (six hours earlier than usual at the Railways' special request) and got

Neville's



NEVILLE and COLLEEN . . . to cap it all he took the car keys Picture: TOM EDLEY

there at 10.30am the next day. We ran out of chocolates, hamburgers and hot dogs."

By Vereeninging the train was already running an hour late.

The Dalians? "They were little rascals till 11pm and big ones afterwards," commented Neville. "It was hair-raising."

"Two little guys took their shoes off and were soon black from head to foot. I've never seen dirt jump from the floor on to two little boys so fast. The train took five and a half hours from Queenstown to Blaney (an extra two hours)."

Amidst it all one 12-year-old lad asked Neville: "What's a surrogate mother?" After a sage explanation he walked away quite satisfied.

The boys, of course, were quite happy about the delay. "They wanted the train to arrive at 12.30!" said our Nev.

● Brian Ayres, commenting on the Railways' failure to put up a list at the station, added: "The computer was down. It was the first time some guy had organised a train and it was a total shambles."

● To make matters worse (for Colleen back home) Neville took the family car keys with him. "Where are the car keys?" she asked, when Nev phoned from Bloemfontein with a progress report on the "longest day." In his pocket! We have no record of what remarks followed.

Thanks, all of you . . .

RETIRING chairman Neville Patience paid tribute in his annual report to his "wonderful" committee and other parents for their enthusiastic support during his two-year term.

"These people are always willing to work and enjoy the camaraderie," he said.

Special thanks went to Pat Lehmgrubler — for stepping in as secretary during the absence of Rina Fortmann — and to her husband Uwe for his part in Toyota Rodepoort's donation of R1 000 in prizes and a sponsorship at the Fun Day.

Neville also thanked other members of the Dale Family for their support and help during the year. These included:

● Headmasters Malcom Andrew and Roy Taylor for their "tremendous dedication and work for our boys . . . beyond the call of duty."

● The King parents for hosting Transvaal boys over leave-out weekends and "giving them a second home."

● The Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union for organising a dinner dance to coincide with the Easter weekend festivities and to their chairman, Dudley Andrews, for offering his house for the braai organised jointly by the branch and the parents' association.

"This braai was a tremendous success and the food was stretched to its limit. We made a small profit when all we wanted was to break all square, but we cannot do anything without making a profit!" said the chairman.

● The Dale rugby side, which "did more for the college than all our advertising."

● The Under 15 rugby players for their "immaculate behaviour" while staying with the Patiences and the Switalas.

● The King parents who came up for the rugby tour and the hospitality shown by the ODU committee and parents in entertaining "these wonderful supporters of our school."

● Roger Budler, then acting head of Dale Junior, for coming up to Johannesburg for the new boys' and parents' party.

● Mike Mourant for offering his office pub for parents' committee meetings and the savings this has meant to the association. Meetings are now held monthly at First National Corporate Bank in Braamfontein.

● Epol, once again, for its support at catering functions.

● The Fun Day sponsors who helped the association raise R4 300.

● John Gemmell for organising the bus to Reunion. Quite a number of extra people attended.

● Glen Harris and his wife of Dale Junior and the Dale Junior PTA for putting up parents at DV Taylor Hostel over the Reunion weekend.

● Brian Ayres and Colleen Patience for organising the railway bookings. "This is an arduous task with more than its share of frustrations."

The retiring chairman had a special mention for two members of the Patience family for their efforts for Dale — his wife Colleen and their devoted home help, Flora.

"I would like to thank my wife, treasurer and right arm, for the wonderful support she has given me over the past two years," he said. "Colleen, all the hard work, graft and organisation you have put into the association has really been appreciated."

He added: "There is someone who is always in the background and one who has done a tremendous amount for Dale, that is our Flora (the other part of our family).

"If you have been to our home or been involved in any function you will certainly know Flora. To her I would like to say a very, very big thank you. I'm sure she is just as much a 'Dalian' as we are."

Cats and dogs and a day at the races

THE Transvaal parents' association is now catering at cat shows and weddings as well as dog shows, which continue to bring in funds for Dale.

"The association also catered at a function at Kyalami where the ladies did all the work and the men watched the races," said chairman Neville Patience in his annual report.

The dog shows have been just as successful as in 1988. Forty parents worked at the TKC Championship Show which yielded about R2 000, an improvement on last year.

Rain caused a temporary setback at the Pet Care Show last year, but the association profitably used up most of the stocks left over.

"Just after the St Stithian's Easter rugby tour we did a two-day show at Midrand and raised about R5 000 — a stout effort by all."

It was gratifying to see the results of the R500 given to each hostel last year, Neville added.

"Physical fitness seemed to be the order of the day and we hope this in turn increased the mental fitness of the boys at the college."

The chairman said the year put tremendous strain on the association's finances, through ad-

vertising for new Dalians and entertaining the Under 15 rugby team over the Easter weekend. (The First XV were accommodated free at St Stithian's College).

The September 1988 increase in rail fares was borne by the association and unfortunately fares were again increased this year.

A new drive was being made to encourage boys from the Transvaal to go to Dale, including efforts to get to parents of primary schools.

"The only way, which is the cheapest, is by word of mouth, so please spread the word and let's fill our hostels to capacity."

The 1990 Dale Reunion

THE 1990 Reunion will be held over the weekend of May 4 to 6. Dale will play their old rivals, Queen's College, on the Saturday.

A senior hostel may be opened to parents over the weekend and a bus to King will be organised if there is sufficient support. Parents will not have to rush home as Monday is a public holiday.

OBITUARIES

C B JENNINGS: A Dale legend

I HAVE a fleeting but unforgettable memory of my first meeting with the great C B Jennings — when he coached us in the Under Tens on the main Dale field. It was in the mid-thirties and C B was already a Dale legend.

He had played for the Dale First XV when he was just 14 in 1929. From the next year, when he was still in the primary school, C B was a regular first teamer for five years, winning colours and four honours caps.

He was captain first in 1933 and in 1934 led the first unbeaten Dale side and became the first schoolboy to play for Border. He played four provincial games in a season in which Border shared the Currie Cup with Western Province. He also won his cricket colours and was headboy of the school.

About a year after that there was C B teaching the basics to an eager band of young admirers. We were so proud of our red-and-black jerseys and socks even at that age we wore boots. And I'll never forget the time he kicked the ball straight up in the air, higher than I'd ever seen a ball kicked before.

We were the youngest players in the school. What he taught us there so inspired us that we became rugby enthusiasts for life.

Last month C B Jennings, one of Dale's favourite sons, died in the Frere Hospital, East London, after a lifetime of service to his school, to rugby and to his town, of which he was made a freeman. He was 75.

Cecil Bruce Jennings was born in Fort Beaufort on August 16, 1914. He reached his peak as a rugby player when he toured Australia and New Zealand with Phil Nel's 1937 Springboks. He played in one of the three Tests against the All Blacks, displacing the great Boy Louw in the front rank. On that tour he played prop, flank and eighth man and scored three tries.

Back in South Africa C B captained Border rugby teams and played against the 1938 British Lions in a game the visitors won narrowly 11-8. He moved to the Rand, worked on the mines and was chosen for Transvaal.

During the Second World War he served in the Rand Light Infantry as a captain and was wounded in both legs in North Africa. After months in hospital he was seconded to the British Eighth Army HQ in Italy.

After the war C B returned to Johannesburg where he coached Wits University for some years. He "came home" to King in 1953 and rejoined Alberts as a club official and coach. He became a Border selector and coached the Border team that beat the 1955 British Lions.

Since then C B Jennings has been a power in the town and in Dale affairs. He was mayor five times, deputy mayor four times and



ON TOUR WITH THE BOKS . . . C B (left) with members of the 1937 SA team 'Down Under': Lucas Strachan, captain Philip Nel, Ben du Toit and Boy Louw. RIGHT: Latter-day C B



served on the Borough Council for 13 years. He was chairman of the Dale College School Committee for 12 years and of the King William's Town School Board for 18 years, national president of the Old Dalian Union in 1970-71 and served on many local bodies in business, sporting and community affairs.

In 1985 he received the ultimate civic honour when he was made a freeman of the town. Last year Dale honoured the C B Jennings family at Reunion for their services to the school.

C B leaves his wife Marjorie and three Old Dalian sons, Michael, also a rugby Springbok, Trevor and Brian, a minister who flew in from America for the civic funeral at the Methodist Church, Alexandra Road.

Michael, Trevor and grandson Mark joined C B's brothers Ossie, Edgar and Noel, all Old Dalians, as family pallbearers and Brian delivered a moving message. A Dale guard of honour and pupils from other King schools stood at the church entrance. Memorial services were held at Dale College and the KWT Borough Council.

C B Jennings will long be remembered with affection at Dale and in King. Old Dalians will recall his achievements with pride. King will revere his selfless voluntary contributions to the community.

TransDale records its own tribute to a great Old Dalian and Dale parent and sends sincere condolences to Marj and the Jennings family.

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REDVERS HAINS: Sunk three times

OLD DALIAN and newspaperman Redvers Hains died on July 15, aged 77, a year after his brother Errol. Both were brought up in Boksburg and were at Dale in the twenties.

At Dale Redvers played in the first tennis team and was in the school choir. After matriculating, he joined the Daily Dispatch in East London and later worked in Durban on the Sunday Tribune and the Daily Tribune.

Redvers joined the SA Navy in 1940 and later served as an officer in the Royal Navy. He was badly shot up off Argentina and was later sunk three times — in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific.

After the war, which permanently affected his health, Redvers served on several newspapers, including the Daily News, Durban, as a columnist and drama critic, the East African Standard, Nairobi, and the Pretoria News. He also worked on the SA Press Association and was latterly a member of the Star Tonight theatre critic panel.

The Hains brothers' link with Dale, which began in the last century with their father Redvers, continues today.

Errol's son Robert is an Old Dalian and his grandson Greig, 16, is now at Frank Joubert House. Another grandson is Old Dalian Douglas Thompson, son of George and Avril Thompson, ex-committee members of the Transvaal parents' association.

TransDale extends its heartfelt condolences to the Hains family.

BARRY WIGGETT: A veteran of two wars

OLD DALIAN and ex-flyer Barry Wiggett died in the Wynberg Military Hospital, Cape Town, on June 19, the day before his 69th birthday.

He was the stepfather of Michele Serfontein, once a leading light with her husband Theuns (Serf) in the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association. They now live in Amanzimtoti.

Barry was a member of the unbeaten 1938 Dale First XV and matriculated that year. He flew in the SAAF during the Second World War and the Korean War and stayed on in peace time, retiring as a brigadier.

He leaves a family of flyers. His daughter Valerie is training to be a helicopter pilot and his son-in-law Serf is an SAA captain. His grandson Wynand Serfontein, who left Dale in 1983, is a SAAF pilot, and his younger grandson Barry, also an Old Dalian, starts his flying training in February. Granddaughter Chantalle is an SAA ground hostess.

To Michele, her mother Mercia and their family we send our heartfelt sympathy.

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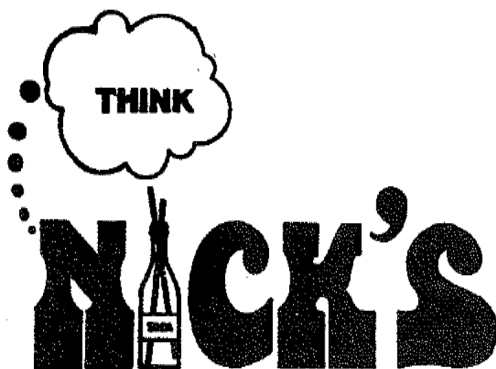
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