

SKIERS MEMORIAL APPEAL

The parents of local boys, Xavier Clemman and Robert de Hanway, who died in tragic circumstances on Mt Stirling two weeks ago plan to build a memorial hut on the mountain to provide shelter for skiers who may find themselves in a similar situation.

'Post' has supported the idea and this week we are launching an appeal to raise money to construct the hut.

Mr Clemman said this week that his son, Xavier, would be very enthusiastic about the project.

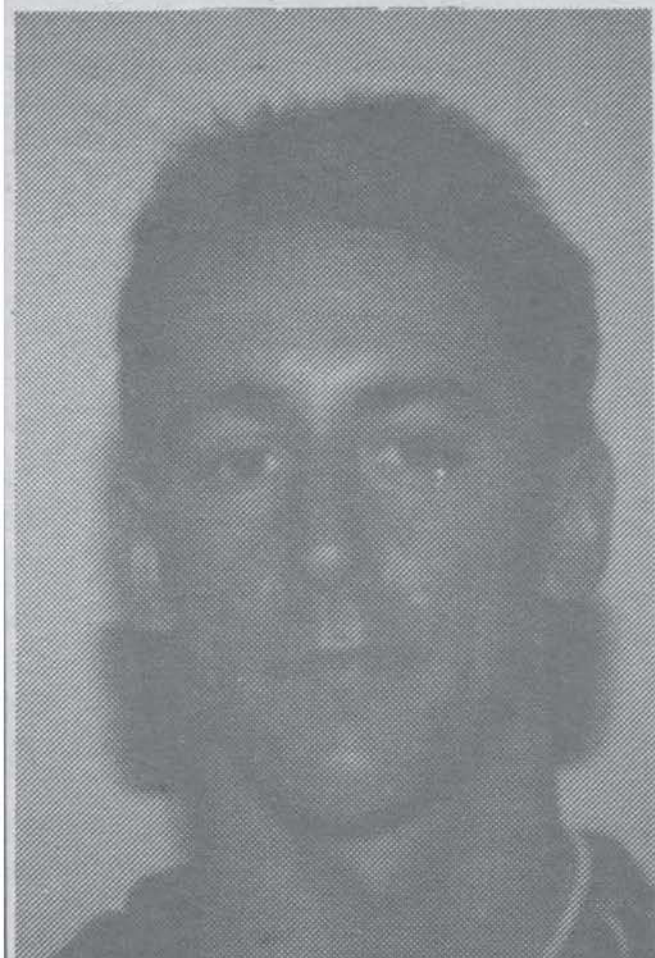
"He always loved the mountains, but he also realised there were dangers associated with them. I can't think of a better idea to perpetuate his and Robert's memory, he said.

"We would like to build a serviceable hut that people can use all year round. However, it's prime use would be to shelter people who are unlucky enough to get caught in similar conditions to those Robert and Xavier experienced."

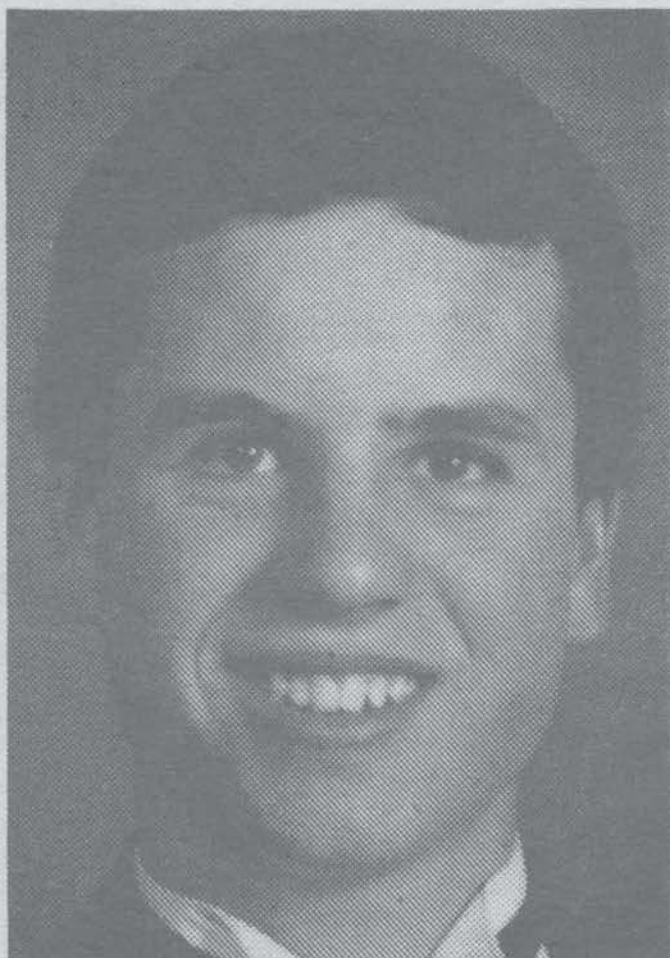
Robert de Hanway's father, Derek, said the hut was a marvellous idea and a fitting memorial.

"If it could prevent a similar thing happening then I'm all for it," he said.

Donations for the appeal can be sent to the 'Post' office at 24B John Street, Lilydale; St Peter Julian's Church, Mooroolbark; The Bursar, Mt Lilydale College, Box 138 Lilydale, or at the milk bar on the corner of Grey Court and Cardigan Road, Mooroolbark.



Robert de Hanway



Xavier Clemman