OUA CHAIRMANS REPORT 2020

2020 started off well: the school's Senior Cricket Festival was held from 8 to 11 January, followed by the annual Founders' Weekend on 24 and 25 January, which turned out to be a great success - thank you to all players, parents, Old Unionites and all committee members who contributed to the success of these events.

At the Karoo Branch AGM, which was held on the 24th of January, a resolution was signed to terminate the Karoo Branch so that only the one association remains, i.e. The Old Unionite Association.

We were mid-preparations for the 21st annual Senior Rugby and Hockey Festival planned for the end of 2020's 1st school term - steaks were ordered and the Union's bar fully stocked – when BOOM, Covid-19 arrived and schools, shops, liquor stores etc. closed down and we all went home… who would believe this could happen?

The Old Unionite Association relies on the following for revenue/income: festivals, Interschools, various functions in the Union, the 100 Club and of course donations.

In 2020, we were very blessed to have been on the receiving end of a lot of donations and I thank all who so generously donated and also everyone who kept up their 100 Club membership. We, as the Old Unionites, have various expenses, such as bursary/scholarships which we are committed to and various other donations, such as the 100 Club prizes, which result in our normal monthly expenses adding up to approximately R50 000.00 per annum.

With this in mind, I appeal to all Old Unionites, parents and friends of the Union family to please consider joining the 100 Club at only R20.00 per month, go to our website, www.oua.co.za or contact Mrs Mariëtte Burger at the school - 049-8910262 to find out more.

We held a postponed Old Unionite AGM in February 2021, which should have been held over Interschools 2020. I am pleased to inform you that Dave Stern has taken over as the OUA's new chairman, supported by the following committee members: Elaine Stanley (née Jack), George Hope, Kim Primic (née Spencer), Suzanne Marais (née Jacobs), Rhett Newton, Richard Collett, Jennifer Hope (née Hobson), John Crankshaw and William Pringle (UHS Headmaster).

Good luck to the new committee.

Thank you.