



Mr Cross with Dr Liankai Dang of the Institute of Biophysics in Beijing during the Vth Asia-Pacific Electron Microscopy Conference.

Cross re-elected President

Mr Robin Cross, the first non-academic to be elected President of the Electron Microscopy Society of Southern Africa (EMSSA) at the end of 1991, was recently re-elected President for 1993 at the Society's annual meeting in Pietermaritzburg.

Mr Cross, Director of Rhodes University's Electron Microscopy Unit recently returned from a worldwide tour during which he reported on the re-evaluation of techniques for preparing biological tissue for electron microscopy at the Vth Asia-Pacific Electron Microscopy Conference in Beijing, China and the Xth European Congress on Electron Microscopy in Granada, Spain. While overseas, he also attended a course in the USA on "state-of-the-art" techniques used in biological research today.

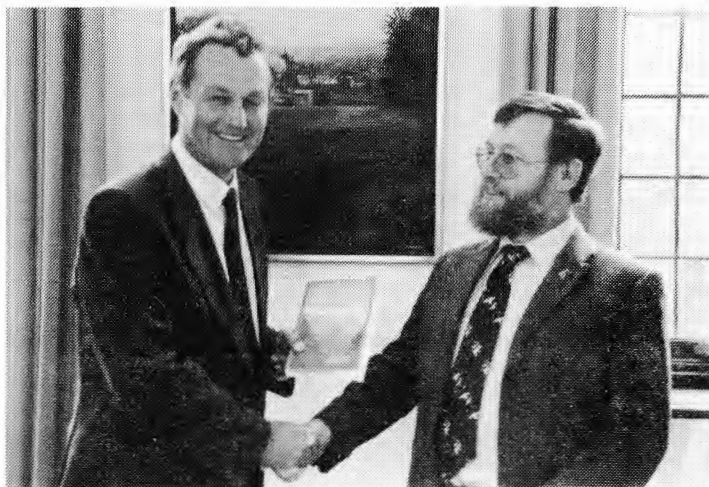
Mr Cross also addressed assembled members of the International Federation of Societies for Electron Microscopy in Beijing and Granada in support of South Africa's bid to host the 1998 International Congress on Electron Microscopy in Durban.

"There was keen competition for this major international congress which draws upwards of 3 000 delegates every four years, with bids also being made by China (Beijing), Mexico (Cancun) and the UK (Birmingham)," said Mr Cross.

"Attendance at the conference was an interesting and rewarding experience, allowing valuable contacts to be made, and extending knowledge and appreciation amongst many influential scientists of the work that is underway in this field in South Africa," he said.

"Although we did not succeed in our bid to host the 1998 congress, with the vote going in favour of Cancun, Mexico, the President of the International Federation, Professor Elmar Zeitler, has encouraged the EMSSA to bid for the 2002 congress," he said. Professor Zeitler, from the Max Planck Institute in Berlin, was the EMSSA's guest at its 31st annual conference in Pietermaritzburg.

Congratulations to Anne Hayward and Dennis Wiblin and his wife on the birth of their grand-daughter, Danielle on December 24, 1992.



Professor Pat Irwin of the Department of Education presents a copy of the book he co-authored with his brother, *A Fieldguide to the Natal Drakensberg* to Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson.

A Really Rum Rover

Peter Kemp, a research officer at ISIDA, Rhodes East London, is the delighted owner of a new, fully customized Land Rover, worth R125 000 - all for the price of a bottle of rum.

Peter spent an entire weekend preparing 50 entries for the competition after buying a bottle of Captain Morgan Rum in order to enter.

Five weeks of suspense ended when he was informed that he was one of three finalists to be taken to the Okavango for the final draw at the end of January.

'I wouldn't wish the agony of waiting on my worst enemy', Peter said on his return to East London. 'There were three envelopes containing keys which had to be fitted into the vehicle's lock.' He was the last of the trio and, of course, his key fitted!

'Some people have advised me to sell the Land Rover, buy a house get married, settle down and be miserable for the rest of my life - but I think I might just live in the back!' Peter said.

He has never been a rum drinker but now, for obvious reasons, he's quite fond of the stuff.

Obituary: Dr Howard Cooper

by Dr Stephen Hosking

It was with great sadness that on October 26, 1992, I heard from Howard's mother that he was dying. He died, aged 36, on Friday October 30, ending a life which had been increasingly eroded by leukaemia. He leaves his wife, Jenny, and three girls, Angela, Nicola and Natalie.

John Howard Cooper was both my esteemed colleague and friend. At the time of his death, he was a senior lecturer in Economics, a lecturer's representative on the Senate, and a member of the Executive of the RUSA. In 1992 he completed his PhD under the supervision of Philip Black of the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town.

During Howard's 12 years in academia he produced 36 publications. In 1985 he was a finalist for the JJI Middleton Award for the best article published in the South African Journal of Economics. He was writing a book on the economic rationale for public policy when he died. In both his academic and social views Howard projected the image of a liberal in the generous, caring and forgiving traditions. He was also a deeply committed Christian. At his death he appeared to be unafraid and at peace with himself. He did his best right to the end.

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Academic Awards



Professor Eddie Baart (left), Head of the Department of Physics and Electronics, received the Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, at the annual University staff party near the end of last year.



Professor Christopher McQuaid (left) of the Department of Zoology and Entomology was presented with the Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, at the annual staff party.

Catering Awards



The staff of Jan Smuts Hall were awarded the trophy for the Most Improved Kitchen. Seen here with the Hendersons are: Deon Els, Joanne Keef, Mrs Esther Kumm, Mrs Joyce Miya, Mrs Adele Emmerson and Miss Mavis Mesani.



The Aloe Floating Trophy Award for Best Kitchen went to senior caterer, Patty Goede and caterer, Sally Pettinger of Oriel Hall.



The staff of Kimberley Hall were awarded the Cuisine Trophy recently. Seen here with Dr and Mrs Henderson are from left to right: assistant caterer Hazel Gunn, caterer Carmelita Diedericks, senior caterer Lyn Konschel and assistant caterer, Karen Fillis.



Assistant caterer Mrs Joyce Miya (right) of Jan Smuts Hall who was awarded the Jane Dalton Trainee Trophy is seen here with Mrs Henderson and Miss Jane Dalton.

MEDICAL AID: INCREASES AND CHANGES

Medicaid Administrators have advised that the following increases in the Scale of Benefits and other tariffs became effective from January 1, 1993:

- ◆ General Practitioners/Medical Specialists/Dental General/Dental Specialists/Supplementary Services: 10%
- ◆ Hospitals: about 11%
- ◆ The cost of Prescribed Medicines will probably rise more than 20%.

Medicaid financial statements and statistics in October 1991 indicate that the high levels of benefit use during 1991 have continued unabated. Members need to be more aware of benefit use if costs are to be controlled and contributions contained in the future.

As a result:

1. The limits of the benefits payable have been increased to allow for the Scale of Benefits and cost increases only. Some of the more important increased benefits are:

Specialised dentistry (Economised)

- Single member R2000
- Member plus one dependant R4000
- Member plus two or more dependants R5000

Specialised dentistry (Unimed)

- Single member R2200
- Member plus one dependant R4400
- Member plus two or more dependants R5500

Optical (Economised)

- Per family per year R1400

(Maximum R470 per person)

Optical (Unimed)

Per family per year R1570

(Maximum R525 per person)

Prescribed medicines

(Economised)

Single member R3500

Member plus one dependant

R7000

Member plus two dependants

R8750

Member plus three or more

dependants R10500

Levy R10

Prescribed medicines (Unimed)

Single member R4200

Member plus one dependant

R8400

Member plus two dependants

R10000

Member plus three or more

dependants R12600

Levy 10% (Minimum R10)

2. Limitations on the number of consultations and visits to medical practitioners (ie medical doctors and specialists) have been introduced as follows:

Unimed and Economised:

Single member: 15 consultations per year

Member plus one dependant:

25 consultations per year

Member plus two dependants:

30 consultations per year

Member plus three or more

dependants: 35 consultations per

year.

These necessary restrictions have been introduced to curtail abuse of benefits by certain members and should not affect the ma-

jority of members. In the case of a medical necessity, these items will be reviewed on an individual basis. By controlling abuse, the contribution increase that otherwise would have been necessary, can be contained.

3. Economised thresholds for 1993 are:

Single member: R900

Member plus one dependant:

R1800

Member plus two dependants:

R2500


Member plus three or more

dependants: R3100

4. Although monthly contributions have increased by approximately 12% from 1 January 1993, member groups which have a significantly positive (lower than average) claims experience will pay contributions on a discounted table.

The University, fortunately, belongs in this category. In this way members will be rewarded for controlling their utilisation and keeping costs to that which is necessary. This status will be reviewed annually and, if necessary, changed. This could mean significant increases next year if our claims experience has changed for the worse.

Medicaid wishes to assure members that "the above action is necessary and will ensure the long term stability of your Scheme in order to provide value and peace of mind."

 **The Editor**

The bursary scheme for students who do well and get distinctions in their exams is entirely admirable. But who is going to pay for it? Here's an idea: place a substantial surcharge on the academic fees. The student who passes all his courses will be refunded 100% of the surcharge; and those who fail will get correspondingly reduced refunds. This scheme, instead of targeting the high fliers like the bursary plan, aims at the other end of the spectrum.

"But it's unfair!" the doves will lament. Is it? I rather think it will concentrate people's minds wonderfully; and the student who is here for the beer, so to speak, will be made to subsidize the guy who really gets down to it and does some honest work. Funds will be generated for bursaries, and Rhodes will benefit all round!

Robin English

Department of Chemistry

Golfclub Gains

The former chairman of RUSA, John Eller, retired as Public Relations Officer at the end of 1992. On Nov 19, a group of wellwishers from a wide spectrum of administrative and academic departments presented him with a shooting iron that is reported not to be able to miss the far end of the middle of any fairway.

John spent 11 years in the accounting field, 25 years in personnel work and seven years as Public Relations Officer at Rhodes.

He was secretary of the Grahamstown Golf Club for several years and was connected with the club's centenary celebrations. At Rhodes, he was a member of the RUSA executive committee for five years, including three years as chairman.

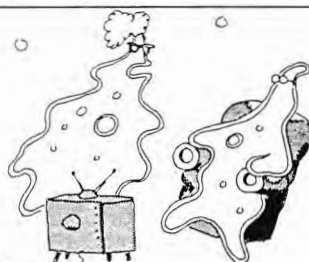
He was well-known in the wider university through his editorship of the University calendar and his organisation of visits here by schools.

New Dean of Research

Professor Lambe Parolis of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has succeeded Professor Wesley Kotze as Dean of Research.

All correspondence on research matters should be directed to Professor Parolis.

*"Stimulus, Response!
Stimulus, response! Don't
you ever think?"*



ISER hosts four USA and Canadian Research Fellows in 1993

Four American and Canadian academics have been awarded Research Fellowships in the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) for 1993.

Professor Brian du Toit of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida in the USA has been appointed for four months from January 1. He will conduct research on aging among brown South Africans.

Professor Robert McKinnell has been appointed for three months from February 1. A member of the Department of International Development Studies at St Mary's University in Halifax, Canada Prof McKinnell's research proposal concerns the role of Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) in South Africa. The main objective of his study will be to analyse the potential role of South African NGOs in promoting socio-economic development in the light of South African experience to date and the record elsewhere, especially in Canada and the Third World.

Professor David Hirschmann of the School of International Service at the American University in Washington DC will be at Rhodes from June to

August. His research will explore the essential characteristics of successful and sustainable non-governmental local level institutions. Gender will be fully integrated into the study. The second research focus will look at the manner in which indigenous management systems operate and contribute toward the maintaining of local institutions in the Third World. This includes issues such as recruitment, membership networking, information gathering, pricing, credit, risk-taking and insurance.

The fourth Research Fellow is Professor Jane Parpart of the Department of History at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada. Professor Parpart will be at the ISER for two months from July to August, and her research will focus on "Gender and the construction of African middle-class culture: the Grahamstown case".

The aim of the Research Fellowship is to attract established scholars from outside the Rhodes University community to the ISER, and preference is given to persons whose research is related to the Institute's fields of interest.

WordPerfect Advanced Courses

All candidates for the following workshops must ensure that they are experienced WordPerfect users, if not, it is suggested that they attend the WordPerfect Introductory Course before attending any workshops.

All bookings are to be made through the Computing Centre Secretary on Extension 279.

The duration of each workshop is 1½ hours unless stated otherwise.

WORKSHOP A

9 March

Paper sizes
Labels

WORKSHOP B

10 March

Tabulations
Page Numbering
Headers & Footers
Footnotes & Endnotes

WORKSHOP C

11 March

Printing
Fonts
Paper Sizes

WORKSHOP D

12 March

Text In / Text Out (Ctrl F5)
Line Draw

WORKSHOP E

29 March

Sorting
Mail merge
Labels

WORKSHOP F

5 February & 30 March

Tabulations
Columns
Tables

WORKSHOP G

31 March

File Management:
List Files
Mark Files
Sub-directories
Initial Codes, Setup

WORKSHOP H - 22

February 1993

Macro's
Special characters

WORKSHOP I

11 & 12 February

Managing long documents
Thesis course

*The duration of this workshop is 3 hours (2 days, 1½ hours each day) Cost is R10-00.

WORKSHOP J

23 February

Graphics

WORKSHOP K

25 February

Equations

WORKSHOP L

24 February

Advanced Macros

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(Workshops are charged at R5-00 each)

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Indicate the workshop you would like to attend:

Are there any other topics that you would like covered :

Call to arms from RUSHA

The Rhodes University Staff Hockey Association (RUSHA) is recruiting players for the 1993 season. The Rhodes team plays in the Grahamstown men's hockey league during the winter months.

The hockey played in this league is of a social yet competitive nature, the emphasis being on enjoyment. RUSHA has a proud tradition in the league, being runners-up last year and winning in 1990 and 1989.

We have a fairly rapid turn-over of members, and as a result are always looking for new faces to fill our ranks. Any staff member who is interested in playing hockey for RUSHA can contact Martin Hill in Zoology on ext 531, or Sam Lubbe in Information Systems on ext 244.

Appointments

Applications are invited for this post from as early a date as possible:

Senior lecturer/lecturer in the Department of Education

The successful candidate will primarily be responsible for the areas of "Education and School Management" and "Curriculum Theory". Experience in Black Education and/or Science Education would be an added advantage.

Lecturer/Junior Lecturer in the Department of Social Work

Practical experience in the field of social work in respect of the direct helping methods is strongly recommended, particularly knowledge of social group work theory, practice and supervision.

Application forms, salary particulars and further information about the above two posts may be obtained from Mrs A Ormond, Personnel Division, ext 115/117. Closing date: 5 March, 1993.

Limits on loans of bound periodicals

The University Senate has adopted the Library Committee recommendation that bound periodical volumes 10 years old or newer can only be borrowed for 48 hours at a time. This change in loan regulations applies to all Rhodes staff and students from the beginning of 1993.

Explaining the change, Deputy University Librarian Mike Berning said the electronic data bases in the Library helped researchers locate relevant journal articles with much greater ease than before. Problems arose when these articles were in journals held by the Library, but out on loan for extended periods.

The Circulation Librarian, Kate Skinner, should be contacted if problems arise from this change.

Sympathy

to Janey Burnett whose mother, Catherine, died on December 1, 1992 after a long illness.

WHAT'S ON

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Friday, February 12

ORU "150" Club twin draw. Two prizes of R500 and two bottles of whisky to be won. Drinks and snacks provided.
• SCR, 6pm

Thursday, February 25

The start of a 3-week Save-a-life course with Adult, Child and Infant CPR. Phone 25670 to book a place.
• St John Centre, 12 Milner St, 2 - 4pm

New Golf Club membership

The Grahamstown Golf Club has instituted a 5-day membership, which entitles a person to play golf throughout the week, at normal membership fees, except on competition days (Wednesday and Saturday afternoons etc). Membership fees are half the current full membership rate. This membership allows the casual golfer to play without having to pay visitors fees.

For more information, contact Colin Buxton on ext 416.

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