

## Prestige prizes for technikons

A prize awarded by the SAIMM for outstanding academic achievement by 4th-year and 5th-year diplomates at technikons was instituted several years ago.

The Senior Vice-President, Mr J.D. Austin, accompanied by the Institute's Secretary, Mrs D. Gardner, attended a prize-awarding function in the form of a luncheon at the Hotel School of the Technikon Witwatersrand on the 25th May.

This was regarded as an important occasion by the Technikon, and the following were present: the Acting Rector, Mr G. Benade; the Vice-Rector (Technology), Mr V. Barnard; the Director of the School of Mining and Metallurgy, Dr J. Lurie; and all the heads of departments of the School.

Mr H. Bester, Consulting Metallurgist, and Mr J. Prior,

Training Manager, represented the Anglo American Corporation. Mr N. Stevenson, Training Manager, represented Gold Fields of South Africa.

Mr Austin awarded two silver medals on behalf of the Institute.

The first was awarded to Ronald Gush of CDM for achieving an aggregate of 85,68 per cent in the Extraction Metallurgy course — an all-time high for any 4th-year diplomate at the School.

A silver medal was also awarded to Rodney Hart of Gold Fields, who achieved an aggregate of 81,05 per cent for his course in Mining Engineering. His achievement is the highest in Mining during the past 15 years, during which time 571 diplomas have been awarded.



From left to right: Ronald Gush, Mr J.D. Austin, Rodney Hart, and Dr J. Lurie