

### Alabama Chapter Hosts Student Materials Research Conference

The Alabama A&M University Chapter of MRS is hosting the First North Alabama Student Materials Research Conference April 13, 1991 at the Department of Physics, Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama.

Graduate and undergraduate students doing research in materials science and related areas are encouraged to participate. Only students are eligible to receive prizes for their presentations, but everyone is invited to attend. Abstracts are being accepted for poster presentations only.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Alabama A&M University Chapter of MRS and ASM International (Huntsville). For more information, contact: Hemanta K. Jena or Deon Williams, MRS University Chapter at Alabama A&M University, Department of Physics, Normal, Alabama 35762; (205) 851-5305/5315; fax (205) 851-7984.

In other Alabama A&M Chapter activities, members toured the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Alabama in Birmingham last

year. They also met with NASA payload and mission specialists from the International Microgravity Laboratory IML-1 when they were on campus for crystal growth training.

Student member Z. Yang received financial support from the Chapter to present a paper at the 1990 MRS Spring Meeting in San Francisco. Also, several Chapter members participated in the Fourth Annual Alabama Materials Conference, October 2-3, 1990 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Chapter officers elected for the 1990-91 school year are: Hemanta K. Jena, president; John Idesatima, vice president; and Stephen D. Pearson, secretary/treasurer. Faculty advisers are Daryush Ila and Lawrence Holland.

### Three New University Chapters Receive Charters

Carnegie Mellon University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Arizona have formed University Chapters of the Materials Research Society. After approval by the MRS Council of their petitions, the three schools officially received their charters at the 1990 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston.

For more information about these new University Chapter and their activities, contact the Chapter presidents:

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### Alfred University Readies Video on Rheology

As part of the Special Projects Program funded by the MRS Academic Affairs Committee, the Alfred University Chapter received funding to make a videotape on "Rheology of Mud" to introduce the idea of rheology to high school students and undergraduates. The tape will be about 20 minutes long with a completion date set for the 1991 Spring Meeting. □

## *MRS Special Projects Program*

### Objective:

To broaden awareness of materials science education in both professional and nonprofessional communities by providing programs for distribution between MRS University Chapters and Sections or for use outside MRS.

### Format:

Any transferable media.

### Repository:

MRS Headquarters lending library.

### To Request Funding:

Submit a written proposal detailing project, estimated costs, estimated time of completion, and description of project value to further materials science education.

### Deadline for Submission:

One month before MRS Spring and Fall meetings.

### Review Procedure:

Three members of the Academic Affairs Committee receive copies of proposals, make recommendations in ranked priority, submit to Academic Affairs Committee for discussion at an MRS meeting, and announce awards after the meeting.

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