

## **Spriggs to receive award**

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July 25, 2000 Sue Goetschius Retired AU professor to receive award from Pittsburgh ceramic society ALFRED – Dr. Richard M. Spriggs, professor emeritus of ceramic engineering at Alfred University, will receive the 53rd Albert Victor Bleininger Memorial Award from the Pittsburgh Section of the American Ceramic Society. The award, which will be presented at the Section's Oct. 20 meeting the Warrendale (PA) Sheraton Inn, is given annually "in honor of outstanding achievements in the field of ceramics." Spriggs, who retired in 1998 from the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science at Alfred University, was the first executive director of the New York State Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology and the first John F. McMahon Professor of Ceramic Engineering. He also served for 10 years as the director of Sponsored Research for the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. During his final year at Alfred, Spriggs was involved with the preparation and submission of the redesignation proposal for the CACT; helped plan and execute a national meeting on technical ceramics; and participated in the preparation of a "blueprint" on behalf of the Ceramic Association of New York (CANY) for the ceramics and glass industry in New York state in cooperation with the Empire State Development Corporation. He was also instrumental in the revitalization of CANY. In addition to academic administration and project management, Spriggs' interests include correlations among processing, structure and properties of dense ceramics; hot pressing of ceramics; and self-propagating high-temperature synthesis of ceramic materials. During his career, Spriggs has authored or co-authored more than 100 research papers in the field of ceramics and holds three U.S. patents. He is a Distinguished Life Member Fellow of the American Ceramic Society and served as its president in 1984-85. He received the Society's Ross Coffin Purdy Award in 1967 and the Hobart Kraner Award in 1980. Spriggs is a Fellow of the Institute of Ceramics, a former trustee of the Federation of Materials Societies, and one of 38 scientists from throughout the world to have been elected full members of the International Institute for the Science of Sintering. He was elected a member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts in 1995. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a BS degree in ceramic engineering, Spriggs received both his MS and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. Those interested in attending the Oct. 20 dinner may contact Chuck Marvin, 230 Cruikshank Road, Butler, PA 16002; telephone him at 724-586-2473; or e-mail him at [cmarvin@penn.com](mailto:cmarvin@penn.com)