



After mixing the proper chemicals in a pop bottle, Bassam Z. Shakhashiri shakes it up, removes his thumb, and — presto — a rubber rope shoots out.

Seminars Conclude With Magic Show

A chemistry extravaganza by Bassam Z. Shakhashiri, professor in charge of freshman chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, was the finale of Cornell's General Chemistry Seminars.

The professor began by talking about curriculum innovations at UW, but his audience of several hundred was more interested in the beakers, cylinders, flasks, colored solutions and other paraphernalia that lined the entire front of the lecture hall. The

equipment had been set up earlier by Tony Doheny, lecture-demonstrator, and Joyce Ferrentino and Rick Byrnes of lab services.

Pointing out that each demonstration would require 20 or 30 minutes to develop properly in a normal lecture situation, the professor, obviously enjoying himself, went through more than 20 demonstrations in just a little more than an hour.

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