

"ONCE UPON A SPRINGTIME CHEERY,  
IN THE LAB OF SHAKHASHIRI ... "



7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 1986  
Room 1351  
Chemistry Building

This presentation is dedicated to the memory of Professor C. Harvey Sorum who taught chemistry to thousands of students at Wisconsin.

Professor Sorum was born on August 30, 1899 on a farm near Lanesboro, Minnesota. He attended St. Olaf College receiving a BA degree in 1919. He came to the University of Wisconsin as a Graduate Assistant in the Chemistry Department in 1924, and received his MS degree in 1925 and his Ph.D. in 1927, working under the direction of F.C. Krauskopf. Thereupon he was appointed to the faculty of the University of Wisconsin to begin a distinguished 43 year career as a teacher, scientist, and public servant.

Professor Sorum assembled a record of research accomplishments on colloids and on phase equilibria. He was well known for undergraduate teaching. His enthusiasm and total commitment toward teaching, his patience in working with his students, and his outstanding lecture skills are warmly remembered. He made extensive use of lecture demonstrations. Many of these he developed himself, and most are still used today in the General Chemistry Instructional Program. Generations of students remember his classes, years after leaving this campus. He authored a series of successful books including Fundamentals of General Chemistry, A Laboratory Manual of Semimicro Qualitative Analysis, and How to Solve General Chemistry Problems. He was Chairman of a National Science Foundation sponsored Academic Year Institute for high school chemistry teachers and a member of several American Chemical Society committees on the chemistry curriculum. He received the Benjamin Smith Reynolds Award in 1961 for excellence in teaching future engineers.

Professor Sorum died on January 10, 1986 at the age of 86.



"There is no higher or lower knowledge,  
but one only, flowing out of experimentation."

Leonardo

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Michael Faraday, the noted English physicist and chemist, lived from 1791 to 1867. He was a gifted lecturer and he began giving his Christmas Lectures for children at the Royal Institution of Great Britain in the 1840s. Faraday loved simplicity and he has a strong sense of the dramatic. His audience entered wholeheartedly into the world of science with him as guide. His ideas were still considered very unorthodox at that time, and children -- who had not yet adopted conventional ideas -- would react enthusiastically to the ones he presented. Eventually the Lectures became very popular and even the Prince of Wales attended and learned about the mysteries of electricity.

Faraday sought to awaken a sense of wonder in his listeners. He knew that once a person could be made to wonder about the world, it was only a short step to studying it. He strove to point out that if you looked closely at the most ordinary thing, such as the force of gravity, it ceased to be ordinary and became somehow miraculous. Faraday did all he could to urge his listeners to see and judge for themselves, to experiment -- to question nature directly -- whenever anyone discovered something out of the ordinary.

## VOCABULARY LIST

acetone	flammable (inflammable)	periodic table
acid	flash paper	polymer
ammonia fountain	flask	polystyrene
base	gas	polyurethane
beaker	hazard	"pop bottle"
bioluminescence	heat energy	precipitate
carbon dioxide	helium	pressure
chemiluminescence	hydrogen	rubber
clock reaction	indicator	safety goggles
color	insoluble	safety precautions
combustion	jumping discs	smoke
copper	latex balloon	solid
copper oxide	light energy	soluble
cryogenics	light sticks	sound energy
cylinder	liquid	"space bar"
disposal	luminol	spiral
energy	lycopodium	sublimation
ethyl alcohol	musical beakers	temperature
exothermic reaction	nonflammable	time
explosion	"orange tornado"	Tesla coil
fire	oscillating reaction	tornado
fire extinguisher	oxygen	visible light
		volume



## Sources of Material for Home Experiments

Edmund Scientific Catalog  
101 E. Gloucester Pike  
Barrington, NJ 08007

3-2-1 CONTACT magazine  
E=MC Square  
P.O. Box 2931  
Boulder, CO 80321

THINGS OF SCIENCE  
231 W. Center Street  
Marion, OH 43302

## Science Television Programs to Watch

"3-2-1 Contact"	Channel 21	Monday-Friday	6:00 pm
	Channel 11	Monday-Friday	5:00 pm
"Newton's Apple"	Channel 26	Sunday	10:30 am
"Mr. Wizard's World"	Cable 29	Monday-Friday	5:00 pm
		Sat-Sunday	8:30 am

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