

Hazardous Waste Management Program to be Instituted for Spring Term

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The Canisius chemistry department will initiate a hazardous waste management program beginning in Spring '88.

"We are investigating the feasibility of offering a certificate in hazardous waste management through the Chemistry and Industry Program," said Joseph F. Bieron, chairman of the chemistry department.

The Chemistry and Industry Program was originated after Canisius was awarded a grant in 1979. The grant specified that Canisius implement activities that would promote relations with local industry.

"We offer short courses in the evening that match the perceived needs of local industry. The environmental area was always very positive," said Bieron.

Last year, the United States Congress passed the Superfund

Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) that requires increased knowledge in hazardous waste management.

"With offering the special courses in hazardous waste and chemical management, we are attempting to respond to the needs of the area. Since SARA was passed, the need for hazardous waste education has increased. The need for this kind of education ranges from workers at hazardous waste plants to volunteer firemen," said Bieron.

The hazardous waste management program will be offered in conjunction with Stephen S. Odojewski, president of Waste Resource Associates Inc., an environmental consulting firm in Niagara Falls.

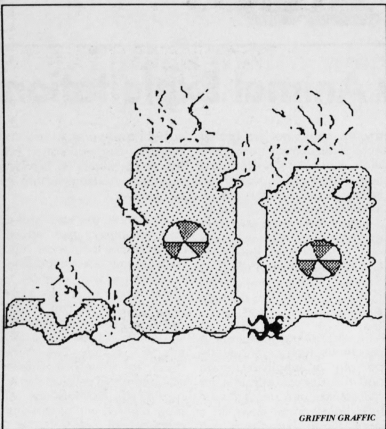
Odojewski has been involved with the Chemistry and Industry Program since 1980 and will help coordinate the program with Bieron.

"None of the courses will be taught by Canisius faculty. All the seminars will be presented by people that we contract with," said Bieron, "the courses can be applied for inscience and will also be good for anyone in the field or for students who want to make themselves more marketable.

"We are still in the planning stages as to what courses will be taught because we want to offer the proper courses for the market. The timing is important so that we will not be premature in the course offering," Bieron continued.

According to Bieron, Canisius is in the forefront of this type of education in Western New York.

"UB (State University of New York at Buffalo) emphasizes hazardous waste research but not necessarily education the way that Canisius does," said Bieron.



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