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NEWS RELEASE

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Event:

Corn Belt Chapter, Alzheimer's Association

Presents \$5,000 check for research project to Wayne Dorman, Illinois Wesleyan University, associate professor of psychology and head of the Illinois Wesleyan Alzheimer's Research Project (IWAR)

Speakers:

Mark Carlon, executive director, Corn Belt Chapter
Alzheimer's Association

Wayne Dorman

Date:

Friday, February 21

Time:

10 a.m.

Location:

WS108 (Dorman's Laboratory), IWU Center for Natural Sciences ,
201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington

Contacts:

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Background:

The research grant--the first awarded by the Corn Belt Chapter since it was established in 1983--will support a new research program linking IWU, the McLean County coroner, and Chicago's Loyola University Medical Center aimed at unlocking the mysteries of Alzheimer's Disease, the memory-robbing ailment, and other brain diseases.

The long-term study involves recruiting volunteers from McLean and other nearby counties thought to be suffering from Alzheimer's or related diseases, who display characteristics of dementia and confusion. If possible, volunteers will receive several neuropsychological tests every four-to-six months to help pinpoint the stages of Alzheimer's.

When death occurs, the McLean County coroner's office will remove brains from deceased donors. Brains will be shipped to Loyola's Medical Center for study and analysis. Tissue samples will be processed for study at IWU.

Four million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's Disease.

The Corn Belt Chapter is one of more than 200 chapters of the Alzheimer's Association nationwide. It serves McLean, Livingston, DeWitt, and Woodford counties. It provides education programs, community outreach activities, grants, counseling, and public-policy awareness about Alzheimer's Disease.