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Attention Editor's: Time Change

Event: IWU John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference

Keynote Speech:

Mancur Olson, distinguished professor of economics,
University of Maryland, College Park

Speech Topic:

"Power and Prosperity"

Date: April 11 (Friday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

This is a time change from 7 p.m. due to Dr. Olson's travel schedule; disregard prior news release, dated March 26

Location: Main Lounge, IWU Memorial Student Center, 104 E.
University St., Bloomington

Editor's Note: Olson's speech is open to the public, free-of-charge

Background: Olson--a former Johnson administration health, education, and welfare official--is the founder and principal investigator for the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (IRIS). IRIS conducts research and provides technical assistance and policy advice to former communist and Third World nations. IRIS's 50-member staff operates on a \$7 million annual budget.

The annual John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference will showcase about 50-60 IWU undergraduate student research projects from fields ranging from biology, chemistry, and physics, to economics, political science, and history.

Mancur Olson IWU Speech/2

The conference is named for explorer-geologist John Wesley Powell, a one-armed Civil War veteran and a founder of the National Geographic Society, who joined IWU's faculty in 1865. He was the first U.S. professor to use field work to teach science. In 1867, Powell took IWU students to Colorado's mountains--the first expedition of its kind in the history of U.S. higher education. Later, he was the first director of the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of Ethnology.