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Research may lead to greener, thicker lawns

WATERLOO, Ontario - Although the cold winds of winter are in the air and the snow has already begun to fly, the wish for a better lawn will return with the spring. A lecture presented by the biology department at Wilfrid Laurier University will focus on some new research that may make that wish a reality.

Dr. Keith Clay, a professor of biology at Indiana University, has researched the presence of fungus in some types of grasses. His findings indicate better growth rates for the plants, as well as an improved resistance to pests. The discoveries are likely to be applied towards the growth of turf for sport, recreational and consumer use.

Dr. Clay, will discuss his research in a lecture scheduled for **Saturday, November 30, 1996 at 8:30 p.m. in room N1001 of the Science Building at WLU**. The lecture is part of the student-driven STEP program (Science and Technology Endowment Program), and is one in a series that has been presented by scientists from across North America.