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WESTERN FOOTBALL TO PLAY IN BOWL GAME IN EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 25, 2003—The Missouri Western State College football team has been selected to participate in the 2003 Mineral Water Bowl. The game begins at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Roosevelt Field in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Western will face Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn. in what matches up the highest ranked non-NCAA playoff teams between the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).

Tickets for the 2003 Mineral Water Bowl are \$10 and are available by calling Brett Esley, at (816) 271-5904. Hy-Vee is sponsoring a tailgate party at 11 a.m. across from the main entrance of the field. The cost of the tailgate is \$5, which includes barbeque and beverages.

In 2000, the Griffons played in the first Mineral Water Bowl contest between the MIAA and the NSIC, losing after three overtimes to Winona State University 43-41.

The Western Griffons finished the 2003 season at 8-3 overall, 7-2 in league play, and the won their first MIAA football title. The Griffons will be looking to break the Western record for wins in a season. Western has already tied the mark with eight victories this year.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.