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WESTERN HOSTS HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

St. Joseph, Mo. — Oct. 1, 2003 —An open house for the campus, alumni and the community, a parade in downtown St. Joseph and class reunions are all part of Missouri Western State College's 2003 Homecoming weekend Oct. 10 – 12.

A free, campus-wide open house kicks off the weekend. It will be held from 4-6 p.m. Friday and the community is invited. The open house will include campus tours, a free planetarium show, "Lewis and Clark," and displays and exhibits in several departments, including chemistry, the DNA laboratory, the library, financial aid, student services, honors, and athletics. Campus tours will be held at 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., and the residence halls office will display the drawings of the proposed new residence hall, also. A complete schedule, campus maps and refreshments will be available in the Nelle Blum Student Union first-floor lounge.

"The campus open house is a good fit with Homecoming weekend," said Julie Lawrence, director of alumni services. "It offers a great opportunity for alumni and community members who haven't visited the college lately to see what has changed and to see all the great things that are happening at Western."

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Activities for the classes of 1973 and 1983 will be held throughout the weekend, also. Additional Homecoming activities for the community include the annual Alumni Association Awards Banquet on Friday evening, the parade in downtown St. Joseph at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, and the football game Saturday at 1 p.m. against Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg. A tailgate lunch catered by Hy-Vee will be held by the stadium beginning at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and is open to the community.

For more information, contact Lawrence at 816-271-5650 or lawrence@mwsc.edu.

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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.