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WESTERN HOSTS COLLEGE FAIR FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. — Nov. 12, 2003 —Missouri Western State College will hold a college fair for nontraditional students from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Nov. 20 on the first floor of the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building. The event is free and open to the community.

First-time students who plan to attend college part time will have the opportunity to register for evening and weekend or distance education classes. In the past, they have had to wait until January to register for classes.

The fair will also provide information for nontraditional students who are enrolled or interested in enrolling in college courses. Participants will have the opportunity to visit with personnel from offices that provide student services such as admissions, financial aid, center for academic support and nontraditional student center. Those academic departments that offer evening degree programs will also be on hand.

“This is a great opportunity for nontraditional students to access student services in a ‘one-stop shop’ atmosphere,” said Dr. Edwin Gorsky, dean of continuing education. “Part-time students lack access to student services which may not traditionally be available in the evening or on weekends.”

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In order to make a degree more accessible to nontraditional, working students, Western offers classes and degree programs on evenings, weekends and through distance education. Dr. Gorsky noted that students are able earn almost all their general education courses through distance education in two years.

Refreshments and prizes will be offered. For more information, contact the continuing education office at (816) 271-4100.

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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.