



# News Release

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## WESTERN PLANS HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Sept. 17, 2004—A number of activities for the community have been planned to celebrate Missouri Western State College's Homecoming, "Gold Rush '04," Oct. 8 and 9.

Events kick off at noon in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, where the science and mathematics departments will host a reception. Those departments will hold activities in the Evan R. Agenstein Science and Math Building from 1:30 – 6 p.m.

Several departments across campus will also host open houses from 4-6 p.m., and a free planetarium show will be held at 5 p.m. in the Agenstein Building, room 105. The recently completed residential hall commons building will be open for visitors.

The Alumni Association will host their annual honors banquet Friday evening, beginning with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Four distinguished alumni, Dan Kampen, '81, Sean Nash, '91, Thomas Schneider, '64, and Nannette Wolford, '73; and one distinguished faculty member, Dr. Steven Greiert, professor of history, will be honored. Also, 32 students who have received Alumni Association scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year will be recognized.

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To make a reservation for the banquet, call 816-271-5646 by Sept. 29. Cost is \$18 per person.

The annual Homecoming parade will be at 9:30 a.m. in downtown St. Joseph. A tailgate party will begin on campus at 11:30 a.m., followed by the football game at 2 p.m. This year, Western plays the Truman State University Bulldogs.

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