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“HARMONY” RETURNS TO WESTERN

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 3, 2005—Harmonizing melodies will once again fill Missouri Western State University’s hallways and classrooms this summer. After a one-year hiatus, the Barbershop Harmony Society will return to Western for its annual convention.

From July 30 to Aug. 6, 2006, between 600 and 700 members of barbershop quartets from throughout the United States and several foreign countries will gather on campus for “Harmony College.” The group plans to change the name to “Harmony University” to coincide with Western’s recent university designation.

The Barbershop Harmony Society had held their convention on Western’s campus for 29 years, but decided to change locations in 2005. The Western Institute’s Conferences and Special Programs office was recently notified that they planned to return to Western in 2006.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university 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.

