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WESTERN ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

St. Joseph, Mo. —Oct. 13, 2005—Missouri Western State University has planned a week of activities to celebrate Homecoming 2005. This year's theme, "University Studios," will be found on windows, in decorated offices, and on signs all over campus. The community is invited to several events.

A donation creation contest will be held at 4 p.m. on Oct. 18 in front of the Nelle Blum Union. Teams of no more than 10 people will create a work of art out of canned foods, clothes and toiletries, and everything will be donated to local charities.

Western soccer faces off against Park University at 2 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Riverside Soccer Complex. Later that evening Western volleyball will play host to Truman at 7 p.m. in the M.O. Looney Complex. The annual pep rally will be at 9 p.m. in the M.O. Looney Complex where the "Goofy Griffon" competition will be held. The Mystics, cheerleaders and band will perform at the rally. At approximately 10 p.m. all will head outside for a bonfire.

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The Homecoming parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 22 at City Hall in downtown St. Joseph. Along with floats from campus organizations and local businesses, and the Western marching band, several area high school bands will participate in a marching competition. A tailgate lunch begins at noon at the Chris Faros alumni pavilion near Spratt Memorial Stadium. The Homecoming game will feature Western football against Southwest Baptist at 2 p.m. in Spratt Memorial Stadium, and a post-game party will be held at Uncle D's Sport Bar and Grill, 621 S. 36th St., St. Joseph.

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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.