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ST. JOSEPH JUNIOR COLLEGE ALUMNUS TO SPEAK ON HOLOCAUST

St. Joseph, Mo. — March 31, 2004—Dr. Joseph Friedman, a 1939 graduate of St. Joseph Junior College, will present a lecture at 7 p.m. April 7 in the Frank Popplewell Administration and Classroom Building, room 304, on the campus of Missouri Western State College. Dr. Friedman speak on the Holocaust and share his personal experiences as a member of military personnel during World War II.

In 1981, Dr. Friedman received a certificate from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council for valiant service during the liberation by allied forces of Nazi concentration camps. At the request of the Holocaust Museum Council, his activities were recorded and became part of the oral history archives of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Friedman served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946, and during that time, volunteered to remain in Germany for one year to care for those in the displaced persons camps who were victims of forced labor in Germany. For this he received an Army Commendation medal. Dr. Friedman also received a European Theatre medal with three battle stars, an Army of Occupation medal, an Army of the United States medal, a medal of Good Conduct and a World War II medal.

He has been interviewed for several documentaries, including one for Steven Spielberg, as well as acting in television, film and Broadway productions. Some of his

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former roles have been in “Grease,” “All in the Family,” “General Hospital,” and “Young and the Restless.”

Dr. Friedman’s presentation is sponsored by Western’s Campus Activities Board (C.A.B.). For more information, contact Chad Elifrits at (816) 271-4153 or the C.A.B. office at (816) 271-4410.

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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.