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EGGS AND ISSUES WELCOMES FORMER IRAN HOSTAGE

St. Joseph, Mo.—May 11, 2004—On the 25th anniversary of 52 Americans being held hostage in Iran for 444 days, Kathryn Koob, one of the two women hostages in the group, will visit Western to discuss her experiences. A breakfast and presentation entitled, “Can You Believe It Is 25 Years Later? A Retrospective Look at the Middle East,” will be from 7-8:30 a.m. June 4 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Enright Room, 214. The event is free and open to the community. To make reservations for the breakfast, call (816) 271-5646 by May 28.

Koob has spent over 27 years in the diplomatic service of the United States, working in cultural and educational exchange. She has also served as public affairs officer and press attaché and was a speechwriter for several ambassadors. During her time as a Foreign Service officer, Koob served in 10 different countries. She was held hostage by a group of Iranian revolutionaries in 1979.

Koob holds a bachelor of arts degree in speech, drama and religion from Wartburg College in Iowa. She earned a master of arts degree in theatre from the University of Denver and a master of arts in religion from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa.

In 2003, Koob was presented with the Woman of the Year Award at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.

For more information, call (816) 271-5646.

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