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## **WESTERN EMPLOYEE RETIRES WITH 32 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —April 29, 2005— Sandra Jacobs, administrative assistant in the English, foreign languages and journalism department at Missouri Western State College, is retiring May 31 with 32 years of service.

“I know it sounds trite, but this is like my second family, and I’m going to miss that,” she said of her coworkers in the department. “Everyone is so cooperative, supportive and encouraging, it hardly seems like work. I feel fortunate to be in a position that suited me so perfectly.” She has worked in the English, foreign language and journalism department for almost 30 years of her career.

Jacobs, a Western alumna with a bachelor of science degree in English education, said her job offered her the best of both worlds. After a six-week stint as a teacher, she realized that wasn’t her “cup of tea,” but she said she loves being in an academic environment where she doesn’t have to teach. “It’s stimulating. I love to hear what students are doing in class and what they are reading.”

She said she has no special plans for retirement, except to spend more time with her husband. He retired five years ago after 32 years with Wire Rope Corporation. “It’s not what we’re going to do, it’s how we’re going to do it – with complete disregard for the clock,” Jacobs said with a laugh.

She believes the 32 years at Western have gone by quickly. “It’s amazing to think how long it’s been, but then I realize that I have been here through three college presidents, five department heads and I don’t know how many students.”

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