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WESTERN GEARS UP FOR HOMECOMING 2006

St. Joseph, Mo. —Oct. 11, 2006—Missouri Western State University is gearing up for Homecoming week 2006 Oct. 16-21, and a variety of activities are planned for both the students and the community. This year's theme is "Griffons to the Rescue!"

Western's Center for Student Engagement is hosting several activities and contests throughout the week including the office decorating contest, pep rally and bonfire, window decorating contests, a student talent show, and more.

The Office of Alumni Services is hosting the annual Awards Banquet Oct. 20. This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Dr. Clarence Garder '40, Julia Schneider '67, Dr. Dennis Atkins '77, and Dr. John Mullican '87. The 2006 Distinguished Faculty Award recipient is Dr. Richard Crumley, professor emeritus of biology.

A social for all alumni will follow at Uncle D's Sports Bar and Grill from 9 p.m. to midnight. Free hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The annual Homecoming parade through downtown St. Joseph will begin at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 21. A tailgate lunch, open to the community, starts at noon in the Chris Faros pavilion near the stadium. The Griffons take on Emporia State University at

2 p.m. The Homecoming game has been declared “Back in Black, and all fans are encouraged to wear black. The king and queen will announced at half time.

Queen candidates are Jill Johnson, junior speech communication major, Rockwell City, Iowa; Becky Monnig, senior psychology major, Glasgow, Mo.; Mallory Hall, junior marketing major, Kansas City, Mo.; Alie Koile, senior legal assistant major, Smithville, Mo.; and Ashley Rockhold, senior chemistry major, Stanberry, Mo.

King candidates are Kelly Malloy, senior biology major, Brookfield, Mo.; Gijon Robinson, junior recreation sports management major, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Logan Compton, senior manufacturing engineering technology major, Milan, Mo.; Seth Logston, senior government and public affairs major, Jefferson City, Mo.; and Kyler Keith, junior recreation sports management major, St. Joseph.

For more information on student events or the parade, call 816-271-4159. For more information about the awards banquet, call 816-271-5650.

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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.