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WESTERN'S JAZZ SEXTET TO PERFORM

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 30, 2006—The Missouri Western State University jazz sextet will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Café Acoustic, 2605 Frederick Ave. Admission is free and open to the community.

Members of the ensemble are trumpet, Tim Thomas of St. Joseph, Mo.; reeds, Beaux Lux of Rushville, Mo.; guitar, Brett Blakemore of Independence, Mo.; piano, David Haeker of Parkville, Mo.; bass, Andy West of St. Joseph, Mo.; and set, James Shumaker of St. Joseph, Mo.

The jazz sextet, under the direction of Bob Long, director of jazz studies, features advanced jazz students in the music department. The students will perform works by a variety of composers representing several different style periods of jazz history. Also, the students will perform their own modern arrangements of some of the classic works by such composers as Herbie Hancock, Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis.

This is the sextet's second concert of the season. It will continue to perform regularly on the first Wednesday of the month at Café Accoustic.

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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.