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CHARLESTON, IL--Thirty-five high schools will be represented at Eastern Illinois University's 25th annual jazz festival on Saturday, Feb. 11. Al Horney, Director of Eastern's program, said "the festival has become downstate Illinois' largest jazz contest."

Climax of the competition will be an awards concert featuring four winning high school bands plus the EIU big band with guest artist Allen Vizzutti, trumpeter. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall.

Hours for band competition will be from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Dvorak Hall and the Grand Ballroom of the University Union. Results will be announced in Dvorak Hall at 5 p.m.

Clinic demonstrations by Vizzutti and by judges will be given from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Vizzutti often plays with the Tonight Show Orchestra. He has been a member of the Woody Herman band and recorded four albums with the group. Vizzutti currently is one of the "first-call" artists in Hollywood and has recorded for television and movie clients, including Hart to Hart, Love Boat and Fantasy Island.

Vizzutti was performing difficult literature by age 11 and at the Eastman School of Music he earned a position with the faculty brass quintet as a freshman. He received the only artist's diploma ever given to a brass player by Eastman.

There is no admission charge for any of the day's activities, sponsored by the Department of Music.