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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN SENDS FOUR TO MUSIC CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University for the first time had the distinct honor of sending four of its music faculty to be guest conductors at the 1989 Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Conference held recently in Peoria.

IMEA Executive Director John Kinnison said, "To the best of our knowledge and research, four people from the same university have never been invited to conduct groups at the same time at the All-State Conference."

Those selected from Eastern were Thomas Brawner, director of bands; Robert Hills, a member of the vocal/choral staff; Dan Goble, a new member of the jazz studies faculty; and Allan Horney, director of jazz studies and the university's Jazz Ensemble.

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Approximately 1,200 Illinois high school musicians participated in the three-day IMEA conference that combined a professional meeting with yearly meetings of the Illinois All-State Bands, Orchestras, Choruses, Jazz Bands, Jazz Chorus and Jazz Combo.

Brawner, who arranges music for marching and jazz bands, directed the All-State Band, composed of 150 of the top band students in the state.

Hills, known throughout the nation as a guest conductor, performer, clinician, adjudicator and consultant, conducted 300 choral students selected for the All-State Choir by their high school choral directors and through auditions.

Goble, a specialist in jazz and classical music, directed the All-State Honors Combo. Horney, who has written works for jazz ensemble and marching band, conducted the All-State Jazz Ensemble composed of 20 top musicians.

IMEA is the state affiliate of the Music Educators National Conference, the voice for 55,000 music educators nationwide.