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For Immediate Release:

30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL TO BRING 20 BANDS TO EIU

CHARLESTON – Twenty high school bands are scheduled to perform in Eastern Illinois University's 30<sup>th</sup> annual Panther Marching Band Festival, scheduled to take place Saturday, Oct. 1, at O'Brien Stadium.

High school bands from across the state will compete at 15-minute intervals, beginning at 10 a.m., with an exhibition performance by the EIU Marching Panthers at approximately 4:45 p.m. Awards will be presented at approximately 5 p.m.

Admission to the event is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, with 20 percent of all proceeds going to the Katrina Relief Fund.

Bands, classified according to school and band size, will be judged based on musical performance, visual performance and general effect (entertainment value). Specialty trophies (auxiliary, percussion and drum major) will also be presented, as will a prize for overall grand champion.

Participating bands and their approximate performance times are as follows: Greenville, 10 a.m.; Atwood-Hammond, 10:15 a.m.; Blue Ridge, 10:30 a.m.; Westville, 10:45 a.m.; Mt. Carmel, 11:15 a.m.; Wesclin, 11:30 a.m.; Granite City, 11:45 a.m.; Danville, noon; lunch break, 12:15 p.m.; Hoopeston, 1:45 p.m.; Ridgeview, 2 p.m.; East Richland, 2:15 p.m.; Charleston, 2:30 p.m.; Mater Dei, 2:45 p.m.; Rochelle Township, 3:15 p.m.; Belleville West, 3:30 p.m.; Collinsville, 3:45 p.m.; Alton, 4 p.m.; Marion, 4:15 p.m.; and Bolingbrook, 4:30 p.m.

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