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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Charleston, Illinois

news

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL --The annual Eastern Illinois University High School Marching Band Contest is slated for Saturday, October 24. Approximately 3000 students, representing 29 bands, will participate.

The contest will open at 8 a.m. on O'Brien Field under the leadership of Harold L. Hillyer, EIU Director of Bands. Bands will perform at ten minute intervals.

The following bands are scheduled to participate: Class AA-- Edwardsville; Class A--Charleston, Centralia, Washington, East Richland, Decatur MacArthur, Mt. Zion, Morton, Highland, and Mattoon; Class B-- Sullivan, Hillsboro, Lawrenceville, Pana, Anna-Jonesboro, Pontiac, Hoopston-East Lynn, and defending Grand Champion Newton; Class C-- Atwood-Hammond, Mt. Olive, LeRoy, Seneca, and Beecher; Class D-- Cerro Gordo, Bethany, and Forrest-Strawn-Wing.

Trophies and certificates will be awarded in each classification at the conclusion of the contest. The President's Trophy (President Daniel E. Marvin, Eastern) will be awarded again this year to the band with the most musical presentation.

Admission for the event will be \$1 for adults and students. Programs will also be available for 25 cents.

Judges for the competition will be:

Band Presentation: Earl Dunn, Administrative Assistant to the Director, School of Music, Ball State University; Neal Strebels, Director of Bands, Collinsville, IL; Hal Meurer, Director of Bands, Emma Donovan School, Indianapolis, IL.

MARCHING BAND CONTEST

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Drum Major: Lynn Pearson, Drum Major, EIU Band; Tom Cravens,
Drum Major, EIU Band

Percussion: Wesley Russell, Graduate Assistant, EIU Band;
Rob Davis, Senior Percussion Major, EIU

Rifles: Sandy Benekas, Senior Feature Twirler, EIU Band;
Bobbi Benekas, Junior Feature Twirler, EIU Band

Flags: Laurie Swain, Co-Captain, EIU Flag Corps; Carol
Wakefield, Co-Captain, EIU Flag Corps