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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

29 HIGH SCHOOL BANDS TO COMPETE AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL--For those who enjoy "half-time" band performances during football games, there will be a special treat at Eastern Illinois University on Saturday, Oct. 6.

That's the day Eastern hosts 29 marching bands competing in the University's 15th Annual Marching Band Contest at O'Brien Stadium. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, and free for pre-school children.

Eastern's Contest Coordinator Dick Barta, who has been working on preparations for this year's competition almost since the last band marched off the field in 1989, says, "These bands are definitely competitive. Many have developed long-standing rivalries and that competitive spirit will improve the quality of what we see and hear during the competition."

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Barta says that because the marching bands have become so highly competitive, the judging must be very specific and detailed. "We have seven adjudicators who are asked to look at a specific part of each band's performance," explained Barta. "Each of the scores from the seven judges are combined to give us a final composite score."

Trophies are then awarded to the outstanding bands and to the top performances in three separate categories: drum majors, percussion units, and auxiliary units.

In addition, Eastern awards three special trophies for the outstanding performances during the contest: the President's Trophy for outstanding field design; the Dean's Trophy for the most musical presentation; and a trophy to the Grand Champion band.

"We enjoy hosting the competition," said Barta, "as we're much better equipped to handle the large number of participants than most high schools."

The first band, from Oblong, will begin competing promptly at 8:45 a.m. The program will run continuously until the EIU Panthers perform in exhibition at 5:30 p.m.

Note to Editor: A complete list of competing bands and their scheduled performance times is attached. The master schedule is subject to change, thus performance times might be re-confirmed by calling the band office of the respective public school.