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NORMAL WINS EIU MARCHING BAND CONTEST

CHARLESTON, IL.--Normal High School won eight major awards plus one second runner-up and one third runner-up at the 12th annual Eastern Illinois University Marching Band Contest held here Saturday (Sept. 26).

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Normal's 249-member band is directed by George York, Kirby Reese, and Frank Payton.

O'Fallon was first runner-up in Class A/AA competition followed by Belleville West (second runner-up), and a tie for third runner-up between Metamora and Alton.

Newton High School was named the outstanding band in Class B (351-800 students) with Olympia-Stanford being named first runner-up, and Mahomet-Seymour second runner-up.

Catlin High School won top honors in Class C (191-350 students) with Paxton first runner-up. For the second straight year Arthur High School won the Class D division for bands in schools with enrollment of 190 and below. More than half of the students at Arthur are in the 103-member band.

Belleville West and Mt. Olive received awards for outstanding soloists. Other award winners were as follows:

BEST DRUM MAJORS OVERALL--Collinsville; Arthur, first runner-up; Alton, second runner-up; Normal, third runner-up; Salem, fourth runner-up.

BEST AUXILIARY UNITS OVERALL--Normal; Newton, first runner-up; O'Fallon, second runner-up; Arthur, third runner-up; Chillicothe, fourth runner-up.

BEST PERCUSSION OVERALL--Normal; O'Fallon, first runner-up; Belleville West, second runner-up; tie for third runner-up between Newton and Collinsville.

OUTSTANDING PERCUSSION:

CLASS A/AA--Normal; O'Fallon, first runner-up; Belleville West, second runner-up; Collinsville, third runner-up.

CLASS B--Newton; Chillicothe, first runner-up; Staunton, second runner-up.

CLASS C--Paxton; Catlin, first runner-up.

CLASS D--Arthur.

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CLASS C--Tie between Sullivan and Catlin; Arcola, first runner-up.

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CLASS C--Dupo; Maroa-Forsyth, first runner-up.

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Outstanding Percussion — Arthur.

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Class D — Arthur.

Outstanding Drum Majors — Arthur.

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8,000 at band contest

CHARLESTON — More than 8,000 musicians and spectators attended Saturday's 12th annual marching band contest at O'Brien Stadium, sponsored by Eastern Illinois University.

Dick Barta, from the university's music department and coordinator of the contest, reported Arthur as the big winner.

Competing in the small school category, Arthur won awards for outstanding small school band, outstanding drum major, outstanding percussionist unit, outstanding auxiliary unit, third runner-up overall for its auxiliary unit and first runner-up overall for drum major.

"They did extraordinarily well," Barta said.

Arcola's marching band also competed and won first runner-up for its auxiliary unit for schools with enrollment between 191-300 students.

Units from Mattoon, Sullivan and Bethany also competed.

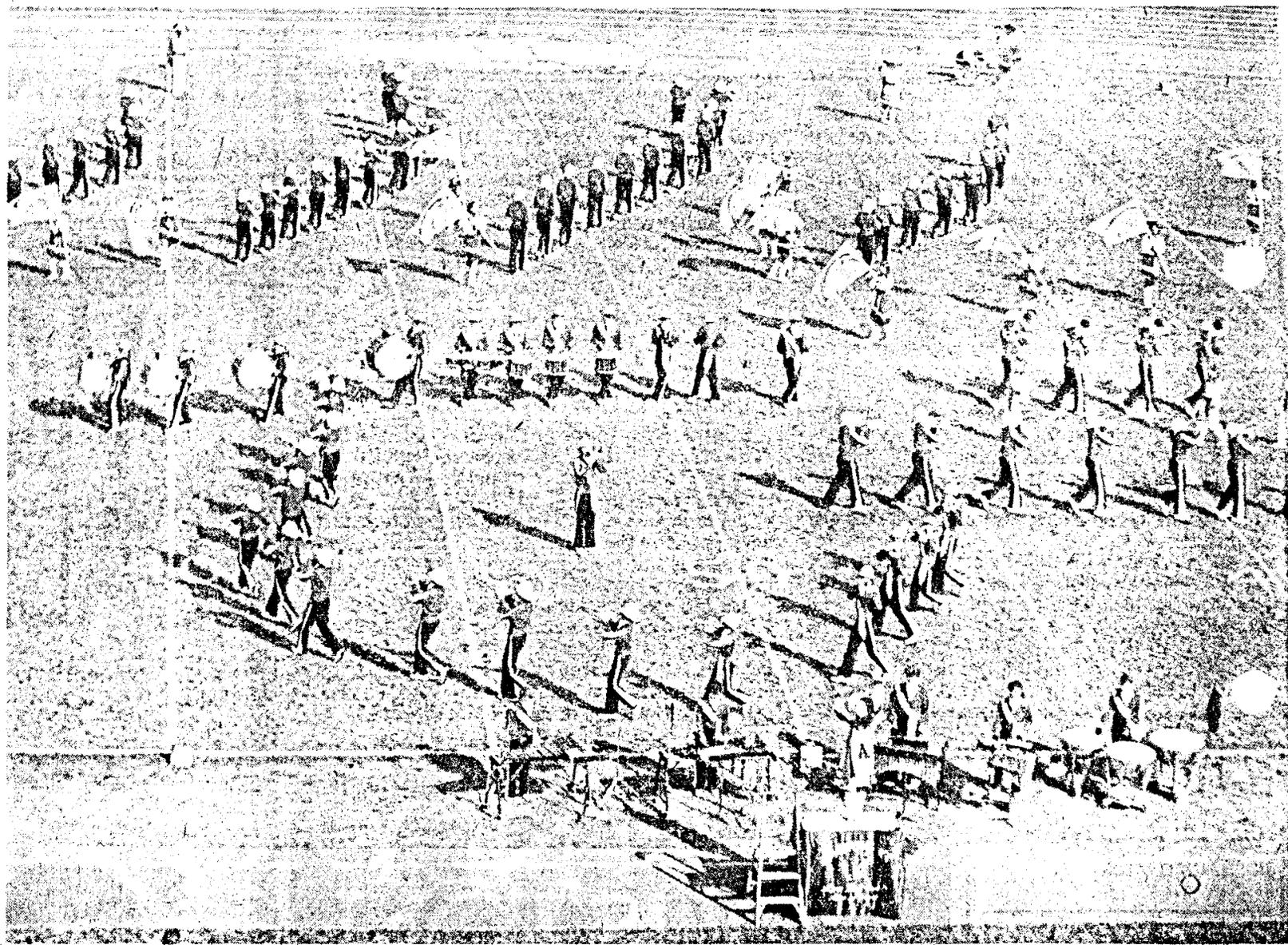


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