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CHARLESTON, IL--Thirty high school jazz ensembles from Illinois will participate in Eastern Illinois University's 24th annual jazz festival on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Jerry Coker, jazz educator, will perform with the EIU Jazz Ensemble and will present a clinic demonstration to the visiting high school musicians.

Band competition will be from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall and the Grand Ballroom of the University Union. Results will be announced at 5 p.m. in Dvorak Hall. Clinic demonstrations will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

An awards concert, featuring the four winning high school groups and Eastern's Big Band, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Dvorak Hall. The festival is sponsored by the Department of Music and Samuel Music Company, Effingham. All events are open to the public at no charge. Eastern's jazz program is under the direction of Allan Horney.

Coker has been described as one of the nation's leaders in jazz education. His book, "Improvising Art," is a standard among jazz players. Coker is a tenor saxophonist and heads the jazz program at the University of Tennessee.

Glenwood High School, under the direction of Don Udey; Pontiac High School, under the direction of Richard Alderman; Taylorville High School, under the direction of Jim Smith; and Taylorville Junior High School, under the direction of Ron Lindvahl, are scheduled to appear at the EIU Festival.