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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--The annual spring concert tour of the Illinois Wesleyan University Concert Band will include performances in six central and northern Illinois high schools.

The three-day tour, Apr. 21-23, will open with a 10:15 a.m. concert at Gridley High School, and an 8 p.m. concert at Fremont School, Mundelein. On Apr. 22, the band will present a 10:15 a.m. concert at Thornton High School, Harvey, and an 8 p.m. concert at Dundee High School, Carpentersville. The band will travel to Forreston, Ill., High School for a 2 p.m. program and then on to Streator, Ill., High School for a 7:30 p.m. concert Apr. 23.

The tour actually will conclude with a concert on the Wesleyan campus at 8 p.m. Apr. 24.

Conducted by Steven W. Eggleston, assistant professor of brass instruments, the Concert Band with approximately 55 members is the largest instrumental organization at Illinois Wesleyan. Membership, though primarily music students, is open to all students at the university.

The program will include "March from Symphonic Metamorphosis" by Hindemith; "Variants on a Mediaeval Tune" by Dello Joio; "Folk Dances" by Shostakovich; "Colonial Song" by Grainger; "Divertimento" by Persichetti; and "Ballad for Band" by Gould.

Two large buses will transport the band with the larger instruments, such as tubas, occupying a seat rather than being stowed in the luggage compartment.

Various logistical responsibilities will be shared by the students, such as the music, which must be packed and then distributed and collected for each concert. Other students will be responsible for loading the instruments onto the buses

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along with the luggage. Also there are students responsible for roll call each day.

Arrangements have been made at each stop for the students to stay in private homes. One of the first events at each stop is getting acquainted with their host families.