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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Trombonist Dr. Thomas Streeter, professor of brass instruments and director of the jazz program at Illinois Wesleyan University, will put aside his teaching soon for a short tour of duty as a performer.

He will be a member of the show band for Andy Williams' Midwest Christmas Show Tour, Nov. 29-Dec. 12.

The schedule calls for 13 shows in 12 days with stops in Cleveland, Port Huron and Columbus, O., Muskegon and Kalamazoo, Mich., Joliet, Ill., and South Bend and Indianapolis, Ind.

Usually the shows are booked into facilities with large seating capacities, places like civic centers and large theatres, but because the Joliet theatre is small, there will be two shows daily Dec. 6, 7 and 8.

"It is common for big stars to use such bands," Streeter said. With the exception of the drummer, lead trumpeter and pianist, all the musicians will be from the Midwest. He added this will be his first "road tour" for quite some time, although he has frequently played single dates in Illinois and Indiana over the past few years.

The invitation came from his friend, Al Cobine, at Indiana University, who is responsible for putting the band together. However, Streeter added, he will play only the first half of the tour, which runs through Dec. 22. He noted it is difficult for one person to have enough free time for the entire tour.

He said the band will meet in Indianapolis the day after Thanksgiving to board a bus for Cleveland. He said they will have only one rehearsal before the opening date.

Streeter knows the rigors of such work, having traveled with the

Henry Mancini and Nelson Riddle orchestras and having played in the Las Vegas house band for Della Reese. But he said he is looking forward to it.

"I think it's exciting," he noted. "I can tell my students or prospective Wesleyan students about what I am doing rather than what I have done."

Streeter came to Illinois Wesleyan in 1971 following a four-year tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force "Airmen of Note." He holds a doctorate from Catholic University of America and bachelor and master's degrees from Indiana University. He was promoted to the rank of full professor in 1984.