1,000 high school band members to compete

About 1,000 high school marching band members will be on campus Oct. 27 for the first western regional Marching Bands of America competition, said Dr. Tom Richardson, director of the U of I School of Music.

Richardson will co-chair the competition with Dan Bukvich, assistant professor of music and marching band director.

Eight bands have confirmed that they will attend and two others are tentatively planning to participate, Richardson said. "Since most marching bands are large groups, this means about a thousand students will participate," he said.

The bands will be judged on music and marching execution and general effort. Preliminary rounds are scheduled to begin at noon, with final competition at 7:30 p.m. The U of I marching band will provide entertainment while final judging evaluations are completed.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded in both "A" and open division competition. The overall winner will be invited to the 1980 Marching Bands of America summer national and Grand National Championships.

All of the competition will be in the ASUI-Kibbie Dome. Admission is \$2 for the preliminary competition and \$4 for the final rounds.

Bands participating will include Payette High School, Clarkston High School,

University High School and Mead High School of Spokane, Clayton Valley High School of Concord, California, Modesto High School of Modesto, California, Skyview High School of Smithfield, Utah and Sedro Woolley High School, Sedro Woolley, Washington.

Judges will be Mike Rubino, Morgan Hill, California, and Jim Campbell, Bozeman, Montana, for music general effect: Winston Blackford. Lander, Wyoming, for marching and maneuvering general effect; Kenneth



Snoeck, Bridgeport. Michigan, and Jim Keene. Commerce, Texas, for music execution; Gary Czapinski. Bloomingdale, Illinois, and Bob Buckner, Sylva, North Carolina, for marching and maneuvering execution; and Chuck Dadian, Racine, Wisconsin, timing and penalties.

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