

Clark College jazz fest begins Jan. 29

□ High school bands compete for the top prize

Forty-five high school jazz ensembles will compete during the 47th annual Clark College Jazz Festival, Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 29 through 31.

The instrumental and vocal ensembles from Washington and Oregon are scheduled to perform in this year's high school competition with awards presented to the top three groups in each class. The sweepstakes trophy and the honor to be featured at next year's festival will be presented to one outstanding band. Additionally, awards will be given to outstanding vocal and instrumental soloists throughout the entire festival.

Preliminary competitions will take place Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and

Friday and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with final competitions beginning at 7 p.m. Vocal jazz groups will compete Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The showcased bands this year will be the Clark College Vocal Jazz Ensemble, performing at noon and 9 p.m., Thursday, and the Clark College Jazz Ensemble, at noon and 9 p.m., Friday, and noon Saturday. The 2008 Sweepstakes Band, Roosevelt Jazz Band II, will hold the spotlight Saturday at 9 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person, per day. Clark College students, and youth ages 12 and younger, will be admitted free of charge.

Clark College, celebrating its 75th diamond jubilee anniversary, is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, in Vancouver. For more information, call 992-2188.