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CHARLESTON, IL--The Eastern Illinois University athletic department announced that it will honor the late Bruce Bennett, who was a Paris businessman, by presenting the 'Rookie of the Year' award in his name during the spring Panther Club fund drive.

Three years ago Bennett was the first recipient of this award which annually is presented to the person who raises the most money for EIU athletics during his/her first year of involvement with the spring fund drive. Last year's drive totaled approximately \$250,000.

"Bruce was a member of our Panther Club Board of Directors, and a real friend of the athletic department," said athletic director R. C. Johnson. "We thought it fitting to honor his memory through the designation of the Bruce Bennett 'Rookie of the Year' award."

Bennett's wife, Adonna, is currently a member of the Board of Directors. The 1985 fund drive will begin on April 3 and conclude with the Victory Banquet in mid-May.