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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, ILL (April 17, 1986)--The 1986 Eastern Illinois Panther Club Fund Drive has hit the halfway point according to EIU Athletic Director R.C. Johnson. The four week drive had its halftime review yesterday (April 16) at the Charleston Motor Inn and the Panther Club has raised \$96,025 of its \$225,000 goal.

"I was pretty pleased with the 96,025 dollars we've raised up to this point," explains Johnson. "The enthusiasm by the workers has been excellent and everybody has worked hard to get to the point we are now at. However, we still have a long way to go to get to our goal of 225,000 dollars in the next two weeks. We just need to push a little harder...our goal won't be achieved without making that extra effort."

89 new members were signed up in the last two weeks while the goal for the entire drive was 90. Johnson is excited by growth in the Panther Club.

"I think the 89 new members we have is indicative of the growth and interest in the Panther Club," notes Johnson. "We want to get as many people as possible involved in Eastern Illinois University and the Panther Club."

The fund drive is spear-headed by Charleston attorney Ogden Brainard, who is acting as the pledge commissioner, Panther Club President Dick Cain of Decatur and Vice-President Bob Kovack of Mattoon.