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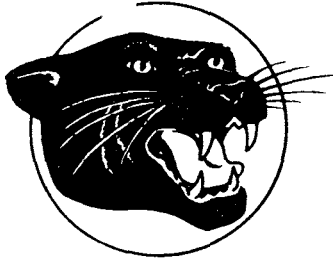
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--The "Brighten O'Brien" project at Eastern Illinois University has reached the 60 percent plateau and the Panthers will be playing football under the lights this fall.

Bases for the concrete poles bearing lights have been poured and the poles are expected to arrive by mid-July, according to Paul Luken, Administrative Assistant for Athletics. Resurfacing of the O'Brien Stadium track has been completed except for painting lines. Luken said the poles should be installed soon after they arrive.

The pressbox expansion project will be delayed until next year, Luken said, because all pledges have not been received. "That was an anticipated factor," Luken said.

Luken said the St. Louis football Cardinals, training at Eastern again this summer, "have been very understanding about the stadium renovation and have gone out of their way to help us."

Eastern has scheduled three night games, beginning with Northeast Missouri on Sept. 6.

"Brighten O'Brien" is part of the University's Tenth Decade Campaign to raise \$5,000,000 in five years.