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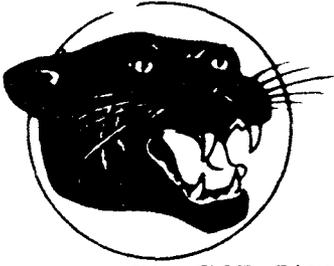
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CHARLESTON, IL--The \$440,000 Eastern Illinois University 'Brighten O'Brien' fund drive has received pledges totaling almost \$360,000.

"We're over 80% of the way towards the final goal," said athletic director R. C. Johnson. "The figure reported at our recent steering committee meeting was \$359,000 plus.

"We just passed the two-month mark in this six month drive and we are generally pleased with the progress. The report by the steering committee was very positive . . . very upbeat. Nearly everyone we have contacted has made some type of contribution.

"We have four months remaining and we're confident we'll reach the goal," he said.

Although the total O'Brien Stadium project includes several items, major capital improvements include the installation of a new all-weather track, the addition of lights and renovation of the pressbox.

Steering committee members are Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar, who is the national chairman, Murray Choate and J. W. Oglesby of Charleston, Roger Dettro and Dan Marvin of Mattoon, Sonny Greco and Frank Vala of Springfield, Allan Heath and Dave Musgrave of Robinson, Carl Koerner of Effingham and Ray Suddarth of Fairfield.

Anyone interested in donating may contact either a steering committee member or the EIU athletic department in Lantz Gym (581-2310).