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CHARLESTON, IL (June 16, 1987)--CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL graduate KELLY HEATH has signed a national letter of intent to participate for Eastern Illinois University's track and field Lady Panthers next year.

The granddaughter of EIU physician Dr. Jerry Heath, Kelly comes to EIU with personal bests of 17-0 1/4 in the long jump and 5-2 in the high jump. She was voted by Charleston coaches as the Female Athlete of the Year.

"I'm real pleased about her decision to come to Eastern because it's going to be nice to see her compete at home," said CHS coach Sharon Brinkmeyer. "She can't get too much better teaching in the long jump than by John Craft. We're very pleased that she'll have that opportunity."

Heath concluded the season with a fifth-place effort in the long jump at the prestigious Illinois Seniors Meet at Champaign. She was third at the Decatur Area Best Meet in the long jump.

"I'm looking forward to working with Kelly," said Craft, fifth in the triple jump at the 1972 Olympics. "She's very coachable. We need another good high jumper and long jumper, and I think we got one in Kelly. She'll be a good addition to our program."