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## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIR *by Diana Godish*

Dear alumni and friends,

The past few months have been exciting ones, with much good news to share. Two significant AAHE scholarships have been awarded to Health Science majors, one to an alumnus (Eric Nehl, '98 & '01) and one to a current Senior (Jenni Meyer, '07) (p 4). Another alumna, Kelly Bishop Alley ('81 & '83), is serving as President-elect of National Eta Sigma Gamma, the national Health Science honorary (p 2). It is also a special year for Eta Sigma Gamma because it is enjoying its 40-year birthday (p 3). Alpha chapter is hosting a major celebration later this spring.

Ball State students majoring in Respiratory Therapy continue to distinguish themselves. In response to inquiries received during the fall Phone-a-thon, a brief history and update on this very successful cooperative program through Clarian Health are given below.

Business Fellows (see Fall, 2006 issue) continue working toward their goal of a smoke free campus at Ball State (photo above).



*Students sign a petition to make the Ball State campus smoke free.*

## Respiratory Therapy Program Update

The respiratory therapy program has had an interesting history at Ball State University. It was offered at the associate degree level from 1985 to 2000. In 2000, the program faculty and other Clarian Health resources were transferred to the Indiana University BS program. In 2003, the BS in Respiratory Therapy program reconnected with Ball State in a consortium with Indiana University and the University of Indianapolis. Students come to the program through any one of those universities, where they typically spend two years on campus taking prerequisite courses, followed by two years at Methodist Hospital taking professional courses. During their time at Methodist, the Ball State students are in classes alongside students from the other universities, but they remain enrolled at Ball State and receive their BS degree from Ball State when they graduate.

Even though they are usually outnumbered by those from IU, Ball State students have been standouts in the program. They are currently the elected representatives for both the junior and senior classes. Last summer two of the three pediatric internships at Riley Hospital were awarded to Ball State students. Alumni may be interested to know that Linda Van Scoder and Jan Johnson remain with the program as program director and clinical coordinator.

At the time of this writing, applications for the 2007 admissions class are still being accepted. Employment opportunities in Indiana continue to be strong.

For more information, visit our website at [www.bsu.edu/physiology-health/resptherapy](http://www.bsu.edu/physiology-health/resptherapy).

# Alumna is President-Elect of National HΣΓ



Kelly Bishop Alley, CHES, CTC, FASHA, is the President-elect of National Eta Sigma Gamma (HΣΓ). Kelly has been involved with HΣΓ since before her initiation in 1979, and went on to serve as president of Alpha Chapter in 1981. As President, Kelly will also serve as HΣΓ's delegate to the Coalition of National Health Education Organizations. Kelly graduated from Ball State University in 1981 with a BS in Health and Safety Education; in 1983 she received an MA in Counseling Psychology. Since graduating, Kelly has been professionally active. While working as a health education consultant at the Indiana State Department of Health (1985-1991), the Managing Director of Smokefree Indiana (1991-2004), Executive Director of the Alliance for Health Promotion (2004-present), and Adjunct Instructor at Ball State University and Indiana University, she has found time to serve in leadership positions in several national and state professional organizations and served two terms as chair of the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC). Kelly has received numerous awards and recognitions for her contributions. Among these, she has been named Gamman of the Year in HΣΓ, honored with the [Indiana] State Health Commissioner's Award for Excellence in Public Health, and was named a Fellow in the American School Health Association. At Ball State, she has been the recipient of the John P. McGovern Lectureship in Health Science Award and this Department's Outstanding Alumnus Award.

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General Fund (6901)

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Wilma Bartels Henzlik Physiology Scholarship (6957)

Herb Jones Health Education Scholarship (6956)

McKenzie-Walkup Scholarships (6958)

Elizabeth A. Neilson and George H. Neilson Scholarship (6953)

Homer D. Paschall Outstanding Anatomy and/or Physiology Graduate Assistant Award (6954)

Warren E. Schaller Scholarship (6960)

Russell E. Siverly Memorial Research Award (6951)

Zeberl Family Health Education Scholarship (6959)

Larry and Donna Ganion Scholarship (6961)

**Honors  
& Awards  
Ceremony in  
March**

*Check  
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learn of students  
your generosity  
helps to support.*

# Eta Sigma Gamma: Celebrating Forty Years of History

by Dr. William Bock, Co-Founder

On April 21, 2007, at the Ball State University Alumni Center, past, present, and future members of the only national honor society for men and women in health science will celebrate its 40th year in existence. With more than 100 collegiate chapters, we have initiated more than 15,000 members and add more members every year.

How did this all get started? In the quest for academic excellence, the professional honorary society has played a notable role. In 1776, the first Greek letter society, Phi Beta Kappa was founded. Until Eta Sigma Gamma came into existence nearly 200 years later, pre-service health educators could identify only with professional education honoraries. Through the united effort of Warren E. Schaller, Robert J. Synovitz, and William Bock, Eta Sigma Gamma became the vision that could further the professional development of our students while emphasizing scholarship.

The mission of Eta Sigma Gamma is to promote “the discipline by elevating the standards, ideals, competence and ethics of professionally prepared men and women in Health Education.” In a nutshell, Eta Sigma Gamma was originated in order to provide increased student participation and induction into the profession in a college/university chapter rather than through professional, health-related associations which were not campus based. Our aspirations and ideas for establishing Eta Sigma Gamma evolved over more than 20 years. In 1967 the planning process began with a Steering Committee of 15 students developing the documents, regalia, and ritual needed for the honorary. This combined effort culminated with the installation/initiation of 30 members into Alpha Chapter on May 12, 1968 at the Student Center at Ball State University.

All Ball State University alumni who are members of Eta Sigma Gamma are invited to attend our 40th anniversary celebration this spring. John Seffrin, Chairman and CEO of the American Cancer Society, will give the keynote address. In addition to another outstanding class of students, we will also have the honor of inducting Ball State’s President, Dr. Jo Ann M. Gora, into the Honorary. We hope you will be able to join us.



**Front Row, 2005-2006 HSG Officers:** Joshua Gibson, President; Ashley Tinkle, Vice President; Takisa Walker, Secretary; Ashley Robbins, Treasurer;

**Back Row, 2006-2007 HSG Officers:** Kenny DePaola, President; Esther Gregurek, Vice President; Heather Reich, Secretary; Jennifer Meyer, Treasurer

## Look Online for Job Opportunities



As a service to our students and alumni, the Department has begun to post job opportunities on our website.

For listings, visit:  
[www.bsu.edu/health/connections/jobs/](http://www.bsu.edu/health/connections/jobs/)

Festivities begin at 6 pm, April 21, 2007 in the Ball State University Alumni Center and the cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Reservations and checks are due by April 1, 2007 and should be sent to:

Mrs. Ruth Ann Duncan  
Eta Sigma Gamma 40th Celebration  
Cooper Science Building, CL 325  
Ball State University  
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## National Scholarships Awarded to Alumnus and Current Student



*Eric Nehl (left) & Mr. Todd Vradenburg,  
Executive Director of The Will Rogers Institute*

Eric Nehl, PhD candidate in Health Behavior at Indiana University, was the 2006 recipient of the Will Rogers Institute Fellowship. The award of \$10,000, sponsored by the Will Rogers Institute, was presented by the American Association for Health Education (AAHE) at its annual meeting. Mr. Nehl graduated from Ball State University in 1998 with a BS in Health Education and in 2001 with an MS in Community Health Education. He now lives in Atlanta, GA and works as a data analyst under Dr. Karen Glanz in the School of Public Health at Emory University while completing his dissertation with the guidance of Dr. Mohammad Torabi of the Department of Applied Health Science at Indiana University. Mr. Nehl is looking forward to his marriage next fall to a lovely Southern Belle.

Jennifer Meyer, a current Senior majoring in Health Science, received the \$1000 Undergraduate Level Bill Kane Scholarship in January, 2007, also from AAHE. Jennifer expects to graduate in July and work for a year in a community health or worksite position or public health agency. This will be followed by graduate school in Epidemiology or Health Science at an as-yet-undetermined location.