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INSPIRING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

As special education majors, Huntington University students are prepared to teach in both special education and traditional classrooms. Students receive rigorous training in education while gaining comprehensive experience in a series of courses, field experiences and student teaching during their senior year.

But student teaching is not the student's first experience in the classroom. At Huntington, students gain specifically designed skills for special education majors that will give them hands-on, practical experiences every semester. Students complete a three-week, full-day practicum in a multicultural school in Fort Wayne as well as observation and participation hours in the actual classroom before they ever begin student teaching.

As special education majors, students may obtain a license for Exceptional Needs: Mild Intervention in grades K-6. In keeping with Huntington's mission to "impact the world for Christ," students learn how to show God's love through tested teaching techniques.

Lauren Hulfish's Huntington University education catapulted her into a position with extensive qualification requirements beyond her degree and experience.

As the professional development coordinator for Reading ASSIST® Institute, Lauren develops relationships with school districts, administrators, educators, community organizations, and outside consultants to secure training and professional development opportunities.

"As a result of my study in special education and elementary education, I am much more prepared than others for my position," says Lauren, a 2006 graduate. "In fact, when I applied, they were searching for an individual with a master's in reading as well as many years of experience. The skills and knowledge that I had gained through my time at Huntington surpassed the guidelines that the organization had set forth for the position. If it were not for my education at Huntington, I doubt that I would have even heard of research-based reading instruction and multisensory learning techniques, much less have been able to obtain this position!"

Huntington's small size also served as a significant advantage for Lauren.

"A smaller institution allows your individuality and individual learning to take precedence," she says. "Professors know your character, your abilities, your strengths and weaknesses, and your gifts. They use this to drive their instruction and to help you learn better. They differentiate their expectations, which helps all students achieve more. Not only are professors accessible, and thus quite a bit of knowledge is accessible, but they also actually care."

Dr. Paul Worfel, assistant professor of education, had a profound effect on Lauren's career direction.

"He sat down with me one day after I had been really discouraged with the major that I had chosen because of some situations that were occurring in a school I was teaching in," she says. "He encouraged me, saying that I needed to keep in mind that this world was sinful and lost. I could not avoid that fact no matter what field I chose to go into. He instilled in me that as an educator, it is my job to provide students with



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knowledge, but more than that, to be a Christ figure to them, showing them love and doing all that I could to bring glory to God."

Lauren would advise anyone interested in special education to consider Huntington.

"The program offered at HU will provide you with the tools necessary to provide proper instruction, especially to students labeled as learning disabled or needing mild intervention," she says. "The instruction that you receive dually in elementary and special education will prepare you to meet the needs of students before they have been identified as special education. It will prepare you for dealing with diverse student abilities and for treating students in special education with the respect and love that they deserve."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Mr. Ron Coffey**, vice president for student development, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Indiana State University on March 27. Coffey's study focused on perceived stress

among first-year college students. He will receive a Ph.D. in higher education administration and leadership.

• **Dr. Beth Felker Jones**, assistant professor of Bible and religion, has released a new book titled "Marks of His Wounds: Gender Politics and Bodily Resurrection." The book is a theology of the human body approached through the doctrine of the resurrection. Oxford University Press published the 192-page hardcover book, which is available at booksellers nationwide.

• **Dr. Dave Rahn**, professor of youth ministries, has collaborated with Youth for Christ to create a series of materials for young adults focusing on how to build relationships with Jesus Christ

and their friends. The "3Story®" curriculum, published by Zondervan and Youth Specialties, is available at www.youthspecialties.com and booksellers nationwide. The kit includes the two-disc curriculum course and five participant guides.

• **Mr. Tom Ayers**, vice president for business and finance, was elected to a two-year term as senior vice president of the Anthony Wayne Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America at the annual meeting held in Fort Wayne on March 10. The Anthony Wayne Area Council serves more than 8,000 youth in 11 counties in Northeast Indiana, including Huntington County.

• **Prof. Twyla Lee**, associate professor of social work, and **Prof. Carla MacDonald**, assistant professor of social work, presented at the 57th convention and training conference of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work conference in Dallas, Texas, March 8-11. Their presentation was titled "Integrating Diversity on a Christian University Campus."

• **Prof. Mike Burnett**, assistant professor of theatre arts, and **Brad DeYoung**, a junior

theatre design/technology major, presented at the South East Theatre Conference in Atlanta. Their presentation on the "lift platforms" from the Huntington University Theatre Company's production of "I, Faustus" was featured in a panel on technical direction and innovative staging for theatre. The set for "I, Faustus" was designed by **Matt Chilcoat**, a 2005 theatre design/technology graduate.

• **Dr. G. Blair Dowden**, president of Huntington University, is the 2007 recipient of the Charles Morris Athletics Administrator of the Year award presented by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He is the first president to be given the award. Dowden received the honor on March 18 at the 66th Annual NAIA National Convention for his service to the association.

• **Drs. Francis Jones and Win Wetherbee**, professors of mathematical sciences, attended the Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans on Jan. 4-8. Jones also attended the spring meeting of the Indiana section of the Mathematical Association of America on March 23-24 at the University of Indianapolis.

EXCEL program benefits



Students in the EXCEL program can:

- Graduate with an accredited associate degree or a Bachelor of Science degree providing eligibility for graduate school.
- Attend class one evening each week, thus minimizing interference with work schedules and family responsibilities.
- Improve communication and other management skills.
- Meet in a collaborative seminar format, allowing for benefit from varied experiences and ideas of classmates.
- Attend classes with a small group of students throughout the program, benefiting from mutual support and encouragement.

EXCEL PURSUES WABASH SITE

Growing adult program searches for third location

Huntington University is actively pursuing a site in Wabash, Ind., for its EXCEL Program for Adults. "Huntington University hopes to become a part of the Wabash community," said retired Col. Perry Collins, director of the EXCEL Program. "We recognize that this is a growing community, and there is a need for adults to be able to complete a four-year degree while maintaining their employment."

Huntington University currently offers EXCEL courses in Huntington and Columbia City. The main campus began the program in 1993, and EXCEL opened its doors in Columbia City in the fall of 2005.

"We will approach the Wabash site in the way we approached Columbia City: looking for a location, advertising, and making our presence known at fairs and with community leaders and service clubs," said Dr. Steve Holtrop, associate dean for graduate and adult studies.

The EXCEL program has grown from an initial enrollment of 15 students in 1993 to a current enrollment of 145. EXCEL offers five programs: bachelor's degrees in business administration, accounting, human resource management and organizational leadership as well as an associate degree in organizational management.

• The major in business administration, first offered in the fall of 2006, is an academic program designed for the working professional employed in a business or public organization.

• EXCEL accounting students will focus on how both textbook knowledge and real world experience apply in the business world. The program will begin in the fall of 2007.

• Debuted in January 2007 was the Bachelor of Science in human resource management degree, which allows EXCEL adult students to better compete in the job market, especially if they desire a career in human resource management.

• In the new Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership program, students are required to complete the liberal arts core, the EXCEL business core and the organizational leadership concentration.

For more information about the Huntington University EXCEL program, contact the EXCEL office at (260) 359-4162 or (800) 600-4888, or visit www.huntington.edu/excel. The EXCEL program offers classes geared specifically toward working adults.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball: The Foresters faced Marian College on April 9. HU got off to a slow start, losing game one 3-2, but then got their bats going to win the nightcap 10-4.

Softball: In a Mid-Central Conference match-up, Bethel College used solid pitching and took advantage of HU's miscues to sweep the Foresters 2-1 and 7-1 on April 3.

Golf: On March 31, Spencer Batt took medalist honors at the Manchester Spartan Invitational with a two-round score of 149 to lead the Foresters to a second place finish. Batt posted a 78 on the first 18 holes and then fired a tournament low 71 in the second round to take top honors.

Tennis: After dropping two of the three doubles matches, the men's team bounced back with four singles' wins to get the 5-4 victory over Ohio Dominican University on March 30. The women's team dropped two matches on March 30. First they lost a tight one 5-4 to Ohio Dominican University and then fell 7-2 to Tri-State University.

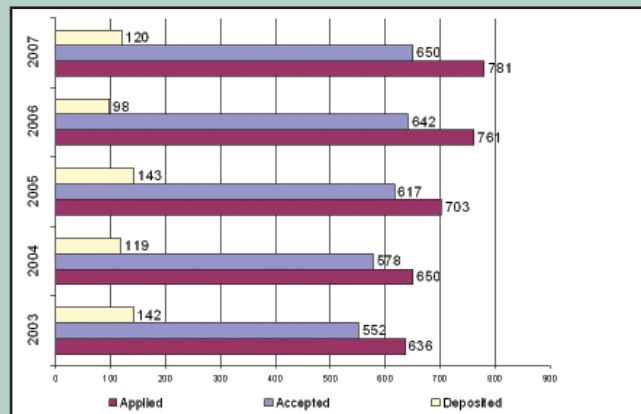
Track & Field: Facing some stiff NCAA Division I competition didn't phase Lucas Beach as he won the shot put event with a toss of 15.51 meters at the Liberty University Asics Invitational on March 31.



Team captain April Snider returned as the lone senior on the softball team's very youthful roster. In 2006, Snider hit .261 at the plate and led the team in walks with 15.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit www.huntington.edu/athletics.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2007 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The Advancement staff continues to contact a number of donors in an effort to solidify University Fund gifts during the last quarter of the fiscal year. Total gift income through February is 20 percent ahead of last year, mainly as a result of some major gifts to the endowment fund. Yet, giving to the unrestricted University Fund is running slightly behind last year's total. The Advancement Office asks for continued prayers for the work being done toward building relationships with those who believe in the mission of the university.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- The Indiana State Board of Nursing has approved Huntington University's application to begin offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program in the fall of 2007. The board announced its decision at a meeting in Indianapolis on March 15. The state approval process involved providing extensive evidence of the appropriateness of the curriculum, the faculty, the nursing director and resources to support the program. Next, the university will seek professional accreditation for the new program from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. CCNE is an independent accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency.

- Thirteen Huntington University students traveled to Honduras for spring break to help in the medical mission field. **Laura Bruce**, resident director from Hardy Hall, and her husband **Matt**, both alumni, led the mission trip. The group worked with the World Gospel Outreach program to provide a medical brigade to some of the impoverished neighborhoods of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. "We assisted dentists with pulling teeth and cleanings, doctors in the pharmacy, and we helped to do some evangelism where we shared the gospel with people and prayed with them. We also helped optometrists find glasses for people and helped wash lice from the children," Laura said.

- Another group of students stayed at Good Shepherd Church's retreat facilities in downtown Huntington where they mopped floors, painted four rooms and scrubbed stairs. Good Shepherd Church was one of eight places where the students served. At the Boys and Girls Club, they pulled up old carpet and mopped. At Open Door, they delivered food to elderly shut-ins. At the Huntington YMCA, they removed old bleachers and cleaned the gym floor. At a Huntington Kid's Club meeting, they organized and taught a Bible lesson to children. At Kids Kampus, they painted and worked outside. At the United Way, they organized and cleaned up. At Huntington House, they cleaned the basement and garage, and at the Free Health Clinic, **Shy Han**, a sophomore pre-med major from Indonesia, volunteered his assistance.

- Also over spring break, three staff members and 22 students witnessed how far from normal life in the Gulf Coast remains. "We had gone to Mississippi in January for J-Term," said **Martha Smith**, associate dean of students. "The Gulf Coast will need help for a long, long time, especially east Biloxi, which has a great deal of poverty in this specific area." Hands On Gulf Coast, based in Biloxi, was the host for this trip. In January, this same organization had the name Hands On USA. Hands On Gulf Coast rented a community building to house students who were volunteering their time to relief efforts.

- Dr. Norris Friesen**, vice president and dean, along with Dr. Luke Fetters, associate professor of ministry and missions, and student leader, junior **Anna Grace Jeter** from Findlay, Ohio, took a team of students to Peru over spring break. The group spent five days helping Food for the Hungry. While on the outskirts of Lima, the team worked alongside 2005 graduate **Anna Geivett**, Food for the Hungry and community leaders to construct a soccer field that will host community meetings as well as the favorite pastime of Peru, soccer. Geivett is a short-term teams coordinator with Food for the Hungry. The team also was involved with craft time for children during the day and youth and teen outreach efforts at night. In addition, the group had the opportunity to visit homes of local Peruvians.



Members of the Huntington University group that went to Peru say they were touched by the generosity and sacrifice of the Peruvians.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11 Golf/1 pm (A) All-Area Music Student Recital/4 pm Baseball/4 pm (H)	12 Softball/3 pm (A) "Royal Cricket of Japan"/7:30 pm A Lo Nuestro/9:30 pm	13 Softball/4 pm (H) Track & Field/4 pm (A) "Royal Cricket of Japan"/7:30 pm	14 M Tennis/10 am (A) W Tennis/9 am & noon Baseball/1 pm (A) "Royal Cricket of Japan"/2 & 7:30 pm
15	16 Baseball/6 pm (H)	17 Softball/3 pm (H) W Tennis/3:30 pm (H) Baseball/4 pm (H)	18 Spring Fling Picnic	19 Board of Trustees Baseball/4 pm (H) Concerto Winners Concert/7:30 pm	20 Board of Trustees Softball/5 pm (A) Senior Theatre Project/7:30 pm	21 Tennis/10 am (A) Track & Field/11 am (A) Guerilla Theatre/9 pm Baseball/1 pm (A)
22	23 Focus on Excellence Colloquium/8 pm	24 Grandparents Day/8:30 am Softball/3 pm (A) Baseball/4 pm (H)	25 Middle Grades Math Competition/10 am Softball/4 pm (H)	26 W Tennis/9 am (A) Baseball/1 pm (A) "Galactic Inspiration"/7:30 pm	27 Golf/7 am (A) W Tennis/9 am (A) Baseball/6 pm (A) Senior Recital/7:30 pm	28 Golf/7 am (A) Softball/noon (H) Track & Field/1 pm (A) Baseball/1 pm (A)
29	30	1 Acting Class Final Presentations/7 pm	2 All-Area Music Student Recital/4 pm	3 A Lo Nuestro/9:30 pm	4 One-Act Play Festival/7:30 pm	5 Track & Field/4 pm (A) One-Act Play Festival/7:30 pm
6	7	8 Forester Night/ 7:30 pm	9 Foundation Breakfast/7:45 am	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

About four years ago, the idea of starting a nursing program was nothing but a pipe dream. It was first mentioned at a Senior Leadership Team meeting on the president's screened-in porch. The president discussed the possibility of setting aside a significant amount of a Lilly grant that the university had received to fund new academic programs.

As we brainstormed different ideas, social work and nursing surfaced almost immediately. It was decided at this meeting that a task force would be formed to work with faculty to identify new and innovative academic programs. Each program would be examined in light of its missional fit, potential to attract new students, and its financial feasibility. Approximately 18 different programs were suggested.

Nursing was one of the 18 programs submitted, but was also the most problematic. There were several obstacles that needed to be resolved before we could even think about the possibility. A feasibility study was conducted to determine whether there were enough clinical sites and whether the area could support another nursing program.

The nursing programs in the Fort Wayne area had capped their enrollments, and there was strong admissions support for a nursing program. The next major issue we addressed was finding a person to direct the Nursing Department. After a lengthy search, Mrs. Margaret Winter was hired to chair the department. Mrs. Winter had been on the nursing faculty at Olivet Nazarene University for the past seven years and is completing her doctorate at Nova Southeastern University. She and her husband Tony live in Peru, Ind., where he pastors a Nazarene church.

Last month, on March 15 to be exact, we received unanimous support from the Indiana State Board of Nursing to proceed with our plans to begin a baccalaureate-nursing program. Dr. Patricia Pierce has been serving as the interim director of the department and put the application and letter of intent together with assistance from her husband, Dr. Ed Pierce. The chairman of the State Board of Nursing commented that he was impressed with the application and the supporting documentation and was pleased to learn of the start of another baccalaureate nursing program.



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

Our new nursing learning center, located on the lower level of the Science Hall, is nearly complete, and we plan to admit our first class of pre-nursing students next fall.

It has been a long and demanding road, but it is exciting to see an idea come to fruition. God has blessed our work and has provided the necessary resources to start this new and exciting program. I look forward to seeing how God will use Huntington University nurses to advance His Kingdom.