

Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

FEATURES

At Huntington, students have opportunities which are not available at larger universities. Importantly, classes are not taught by "graduate assistants," but rather by exceptionally credentialed full-time professors. As a chemistry major at Huntington University, students have ready access to high-tech equipment and well-stocked labs. Students have opportunities to study off-campus, partner with professors on important research projects, or land an internship at one of the Midwest's leading chemical or pharmaceutical research labs. Undergraduate chemistry majors may take foundational coursework in all five branches of chemistry.

Huntington University opened a newly-constructed, 90,000 square-foot Science Hall for the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences in 2002. The new learning center features a quality learning environment with student-friendly spaces, teaching and research specialty equipment, well-designed laboratories and research spaces, and multimedia classrooms in rich, art-infused aesthetics surroundings.

SAVING LIVES AND SHARING FAITH

As an analytical chemist in Eli Lilly's Research and Development Department, Mindy (Adams) Forst challenge not only in her work but also her faith.

"Each day I am faced with the challenge of developing scientifically sound analytical methods for molecules that could possibly save or change someone's life," Forst said. "I must apply my knowledge and often times be willing to 'think outside the box' in order to be successful.

"Daily, I am faced with the challenge of how to integrate my faith into my work and how I can reach as many people for Jesus as possible. I work among some very smart scientists, and not all of them are willing to accept something based on faith. Finding ways to answer questions and debate theories has been quite the challenge. I have found the most important thing and possibly the most influential is to just love each and every person like Jesus would."

A 2001 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, Forst credits Huntington University with providing a "solid foundation" for her career and her relationship with Christ. As a student, Forst spent a summer as an intern in the Natural Products Division at Eli Lilly and Company. She also presented research to Huntington University faculty and staff as a graduation requirement. Additionally, professors took Forst and other chemistry students to a networking event in Indianapolis with representatives from Eli Lilly, Dow-Agro and other science-related companies.

"Those two events helped me to obtain my current position," Forst said.

In addition to furthering her career, Forst's Huntington experience also helped her further her education. She earned a Master of Science degree in chemistry from Purdue University in 2004. While she had a positive experience in both her bachelor's and master's degree programs, her post-graduate studies made her even more aware of the Huntington difference.

"I have now attended both a small and large institution, and I must say that I prefer the smaller school," Forst said. "At HU, professors know your name and care about your development. Their office doors are always open for helping with problems or just to talk about life. At HU, I received a great deal of personal attention and hands-on experience."



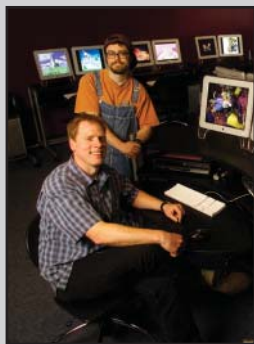
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While Forst expresses gratitude for the knowledge and skills she gained at Huntington University, the most significant impact on her life will have eternal implications. She gave her life to Christ at age eight but says her faith deepened in college.

"I received more than just a chemistry degree at HU — I learned what it meant to have a relationship with Jesus," Forst said. "At the chapel services and on campus, I saw other kids my age that were outwardly living their lives for God. I had never experienced that before, and I found myself desiring the same thing. Now, I like to think that I live each day doing whatever I can to impact my world for Christ."

Forst recommends Huntington University to any student "interested in receiving a great deal of personal attention and hands-on experience and figuring out how to be both a Christian and a scientist in today's world."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Mr. Steve Leeper**, instructor in digital media arts, and **Prof. Bryan Ballinger**, assistant professor of digital media arts, have created a segment for the NBC animated series “VeggieTales.” “Mr. Lunt’s Popsicle Stick Puppet Theater” debuted on Oct.

Bryan Ballinger (back) and Steve Leeper created “Mr. Lunt’s Popsicle Stick Puppet Theater” for NBC.

7. Ballinger created the designs, art and building of the puppets while Leeper animated the characters. See their work in Episode 3—“Madame Blueberry” on Oct. 28, Episode 9—“Duke and the Great Pie War” on Nov. 18 and Episode 11—“King George and the Ducky” on Nov. 25, all at 10 a.m. on NBC.

• **Dr. Gary Newton**, professor of discipling ministries, recently served as a preacher at the Forks of the Wabash Pioneer Festival, depicting a 19th century evangelist. In addition, he is in

his sixth year as director of Huntington Kid’s Club, an outreach program to unchurched 8-12 year-olds in the Huntington community. More than 25 Huntington University volunteers and 15 community volunteers are involved in HKC.

• In June, **Dr. Todd Martin**, associate professor of English, presented a paper, “Cultural Identity and the Haitian Diaspora in Edwidge Danticat’s ‘Krik? Krak!’,” at the International Conference on the Short Story in English held in Lisbon, Portugal. A longer version of the essay will be included in a forthcoming book titled “Cultural Representation and the Short Story Sequence.” Further, he also attended the Mid-Atlantic Creative Nonfiction Summer Writer’s Conference, for which he wrote and workshopped his essay, “Boy Meets Girl,” about his relationship with his oldest daughter. One result of his participation was that he was asked to be a regular contributor of book reviews for Publisher’s Weekly.

• The Huntington University Department of Visual Arts faculty members are showcasing their talents with an exhibit in the Robert E. Wilson Gallery through Nov. 3. An artist reception will

be held for **Assistant Professors of Art Ken Hopper and Andy Dickson and Professor of Art Rebecca Coffman** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 12 in the gallery, located in Huntington’s Merillat Centre for the Arts. This is a change from information printed in the Merillat Centre for the Arts 2006-2007 season brochure.

• Recipients of the Huntington University Peer Award for the month of October are **John Wagner** and **Cathy Trout**. **Jan Yost**, data management coordinator, passed the Peer Award to John Wagner. Wagner is network administrator in the Technology Services Department and has been with Huntington University for six years. **Wendy Gower**, technology services office manager, passed the Peer Award to Cathy Trout. Trout is administrative assistant to the vice president and dean of the University and also has been with Huntington University for six years.

• **Prof. Connie Updike**, assistant professor of recreation management, served as guest speaker for the Camp Living Waters Women’s Retreat in Luther, Michigan, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Four sessions were presented throughout the weekend under the topic of Connections for Wellness in Women.

EXCEL PROGRAM TO ADD NEW MAJORS

University responds to needs expressed by employers



EXCEL program notes

- The EXCEL program has grown from an initial enrollment of 15 students in 1993 to a current enrollment of 145.
- The EXCEL program offers classes and degrees geared specifically toward working adults and conducts classes on the main campus in Huntington, Ind., and at the new Huntington University Adult Education Center in Columbia City, Ind.
- For more information about the EXCEL program, log on to www.huntington.edu/excel or call (260) 359-4162.

The Huntington University EXCEL program for adults is offering two new bachelor’s degree programs and will soon offer two more.

“Our experience and conversations with mayors, elected officials, chief executive officers, plant managers, human resource professionals and potential students suggested that there is a need in the marketplace for degrees of business administration, human resource management, accounting and organizational leadership with a focus on non-profit management,” said Perry Collins, director of the EXCEL program. “For that reason, the degrees are being added to the EXCEL Program for Adults.”

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The organizational management major—the first and only major of the EXCEL program since its inception—was replaced by organizational leadership in the fall of 2006.

Students in the midst of the organizational management program may finish with that major, or they may transition to the organizational leadership program.

The following outlines the new programs:

- The major in business administration, first made available this fall, is an academic program designed for the working professional employed in a business or public organization.
- Beginning in the fall of 2007, EXCEL accounting students will focus on how both textbook knowledge and real world experience apply in the business world.
- The Bachelor of Science in human resource management degree will allow EXCEL adult students to better compete in the job market, especially if they desire a career in human resource management. The degree program will be offered in January of 2007.
- 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.

“These new programs will help Huntington University to better serve the needs of our region,” said Steve Holtrop, associate dean for graduate and adult studies. “We are being responsive to adult students’ needs as well as the needs of businesses and organizations that will employ our graduates. Graduates from these high quality, Christian degree programs will impact their world with relevant and current knowledge and ethical perspective.”

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Volleyball: Good defense and aggressive hitting helped lead the Foresters to a win in three straight games 30-24, 30-25, 30-20 over Taylor University-Fort Wayne on Oct. 6.

Cross Country: In their only home contest of the year, the Forester harriers took both the men's and women's titles in the E. DeWitt Baker Cross Country Invitational on Oct. 7. In the men's 8k race, four Foresters placed in the top eight to help HU claim first place with a team score of 18. In women's action, four Foresters finished in the top seven in the 5K event to post a winning team score of 28.



The Forester golf team recently finished third in the MCC. Sophomores Spencer Batt and Ryan Bonner earned All-Conference Honors for their performance this season.

Soccer: At press time, the men's team had a record of 4-8-1, and the women's team had a record of 2-11.

Golf: A talented, young Forester golf team put together its best round of the year on the second day of the MCC Tournament to earn a third place finish on Oct. 3. It is the best finish by a Huntington University squad since 1990-1991 when that team won the conference title.

Tennis: After dropping two of three doubles matches, the men's tennis team rebounded with a sweep of the singles to top Franklin College 7-2 on Oct. 7. The women's team completed the fall portion of its schedule with a convincing 8-1 win over Franklin College, reaching double digits in the win column with a 10-3 record.

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

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Oct. 9-13, Huntington University is hosting the first annual Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Students, faculty and staff are invited to stop by information tables in the Habecker Dining Commons or Norm's Place for pink ribbons, pamphlets and more. Luminaries in honor of or in memory of family, friends and acquaintances who have battled any type of cancer are available for \$1 each. Funds raised will benefit the Young Survival Coalition, an organization offering support to young women who have breast cancer. Oct. 18 at 9 p.m. on the mall, students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to a luminary lighting and prayer vigil for cancer survivors and their families.

- Director Scott Hippensteel and the Huntington University Wind Ensemble hosted the Fourth Annual Band Invitational on Oct. 10. Crestview Middle School Eighth Grade Band with Douglas McElhaney, director; the Riverview Middle School Seventh/Eighth Grade Band with James Court, director; and the Manchester College Symphonic Band with Suzanne Gindin, director, joined the HU Wind Ensemble. Music featured included "March of the Irish Guard," "Russian Sailor's Dance," "Disney Blockbusters," "Hymn to the Fallen," "Chronicles of Narnia," "Tirana," "The Liberty Bell," "With Quiet Courage," "Them Basses March," and Gordon Jacob's "An Original Suite." Both collegiate bands combined to perform two selections as a concert finale:

"Chorale and Alleluia" by Howard Hanson and "Ride" by Samuel Hazo.

- The Huntington University Foundation will welcome U.S. Congressman Mike Pence as the speaker at the annual Huntington University Foundation Dinner. The event is set for Oct. 23 with a 6 p.m. reception and 6:30 p.m. dinner where Rep. Pence will speak on "Faith & Government." The dinner will be upstairs in the Habecker Dining Commons. The cost of the Foundation Dinner program is \$25 per person. Tables of eight may be reserved for \$160. To make reservations, contact Ella Burnett at (260) 359-4069. Reservations will be taken until Oct. 18. Payment should be sent to Huntington University Foundation, 2303 College Avenue, Huntington, Ind., 46750.

- Mark Oestreicher, president of Youth Specialties, came to Huntington University for a free lunch presentation aimed at area youth workers. Youth Specialties provides resources for training and equipping Christian youth workers to minister through seminars and conventions, creative resources and world-wide job listings. Oestreicher fielded questions about the National Youth Workers Convention coming to Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 16-20. In addition, participants networked with faculty and staff from Huntington University. Oestreicher has written or contributed to nearly 30 books in the

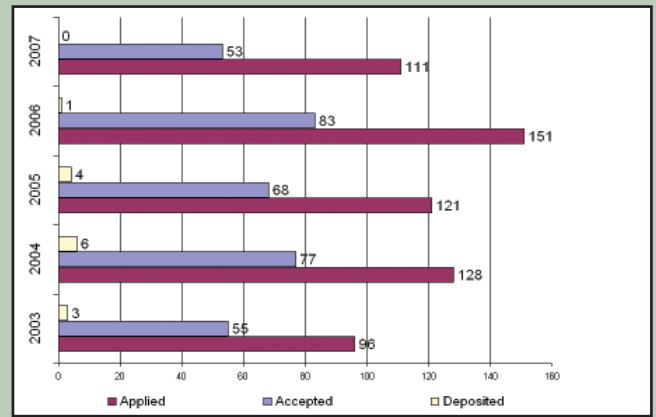
youth ministry field and is published in several magazines. He also maintains a heavy speaking schedule to teens and adults in the U.S. and abroad.

- Huntington University's Forester Lecture Series featured Co Hoedeman, an Oscar-winning film animator, on Oct. 2. Hoedeman shared his passion for animation and filmmaking in his lecture "For the Love to Make It Move." In addition, Hoedeman conducted a workshop for 15 digital media arts students on Oct. 3. Hoedeman has received more than 80 international awards and honors, including an Oscar in 1978 for best animated short for his film titled "The Sand Castle."



The National Film Board of Canada says Co Hoedeman is "a delightfully curious and imaginative animator who produces charming films of great sensitivity."

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

In October, the Advancement staff hosted Homecoming, will carry out the fall phonathon, meet with the Board of Trustees and travel throughout the area meeting with donors and friends. As Advancement works through this 2006-2007 year, the staff strives to again increase giving to the University Fund as well as work strategically to increase the University's donor base. The staff also will work hard to plan, organize and develop efforts around the next comprehensive capital campaign.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			11 High School Math Competition/10 am W Soccer/4 pm (H) Volleyball/7 pm (A)	12 M/W Tennis/9 am (A)	13 M/W Tennis/9 am (A) M Soccer/7 pm (A) W Soccer/7 pm (A) Volleyball/TBA (A)	14 M/W Tennis/9 am (A) Volleyball/TBA (A)	
15	16 FALL BREAK Mid-Semester M Soccer/3:30 pm (H)	17 FALL BREAK CLEP/DANTES/8 am W Soccer/2 pm (A)	18 CLEP/DANTES/8 am M Soccer/3:30 pm (H) Volleyball/7 pm (H) Luminary Lighting/ 9 pm	19 Board of Trustees CLEP/DANTES/8 am	20 Board of Trustees CLEP/DANTES/8 am Volleyball/TBA (A)	21 Cross Country/ 11 am (A) Volleyball/3 pm (A) W Soccer/TBA (A)	
22	23 Advising/9 am	24 Advising/9 am M Soccer/3:30 pm (H)	25 Advising/9 am All-Area Student Music Recital II/4 pm Volleyball/7 pm (H)	26 Advising/9 am Aaron Eberly Recital/7:30 pm	27 Advising/9 am Volleyball/7 pm (H) Dana Frick Recital/7:30 pm	28 Advising/9 am Volleyball/10 am (H)	
29	30 Advising/9 am	31 Advising/9 am Volleyball/7 pm (A) Midnight Study Break/ 11 pm	1 Advising/9 am	2 Advising/9 am "Little Shop of Horrors"/7:30 pm	3 Advising/9 am "Little Shop of Horrors"/9:30 am & 7:30 pm	4 Advising/9 am Cross Country/ 11 am (A) "Little Shop of Horrors"/2 & 7:30 pm	
5	6 Advising/9 am Final Withdrawl M Basketball/ 7 pm (A)	7 Advising/9 am W Basketball/ 7 pm (H) Volleyball/7 pm (A)	8 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am Advising/9 am	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>			

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

Even professors need to do their homework. This fall, all faculty members were asked to read the book "The Outrageous Idea of Christian Scholarship," by George Marsden. Marsden, the Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, writes broadly on religion and contemporary American culture. In this book, Marsden writes that:

The spiritual virtues of Christian scholars ought to be reflected in both their teaching and other scholarship. The "fruit of the Spirit," according to Scripture, "is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." These traits ought to mark the lives and the works of Christian scholars. People are seldom convinced simply by arguments, although arguments can be important. Most often in academia, people are convinced by a combination of intellect and character. Many of the best academics are scholars who seldom publish but whose combination of intellectual interests and personal virtues results in lives dedicated to teaching and to their students. It is essential to remember that teaching is the most important way in which the fruit of our labor is conveyed (p. 108).

As Marsden explains, it is not only what is taught but also, who is teaching the material and how the material is presented. As I listened to faculty share about their teaching methods, I heard over and over again that they do not want to enlist students to become like them, but rather to help students find the right path and to push them to make significant contributions. I think Marsden is correct in his assertion that very few of us are convinced by arguments alone. When the argument is made by an individual with integrity and conviction, however, the chances of being persuaded by the individual's argument are much greater.

Faculty members at Huntington University seek to model active learning by teaching students to evaluate and critique their teaching methods and by interacting with their students on a spiritual level. Most full-time faculty members spend approximately 60 percent of their time teaching. The balance of their time is devoted to advising students and other scholarly activities.

Christian scholarship at Huntington University is a combination of being an effective teacher, a committed scholar and a dedicated servant. This



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fall, I have noted already that students and faculty attended and presented papers at the Conference on Faith and History, attended a performance of "Hamlet" in Chicago, have met to discuss diversity and plan to attend a conference on diversity, and have spent time together in the Habecker Dining Commons discussing international issues such as Iran, Iraq, and delving into personal issues. Here at Huntington University, we do not think the idea of Christian scholarship is so outrageous.