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LEAVING A WINNING LEGACY

AT A GLANCE

Steve Platt

Huntington University
Men's Basketball
Head Coach

As a Coach

- 14 seasons as head coach at HU
- 5 MCC Tournament Championships
- 5 MCC Regular Season Championships
- 1 NAIA National Runner-Up
- 2 Final Four Appearances
- 7 National Tournament Appearances including
 - 5 Sweet Sixteens
 - 3 Elite Eights
 - 2 Final Fours
 - 1 Championship Game
- 23 All-America Honors
- 42 All-Conference Honors
- 8 MCC Players of the Year
- More than 300 Wins
- MCC Coach of the Year (1999-2000, 2007-2008)

As a Player

- 4-time All-District Player of the Year
- 4-time NAIA All-America Honors
- Indiana Collegiate Scoring Leader (3,700 points)
- Drafted by the NBA Washington Bullets
- Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame (1996)
- NAIA Basketball Hall of Fame (1987)

Steve Platt, 14-year coach of the Huntington University men's basketball team, will retire at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year.

He leaves Huntington as the reigning Mid-Central College Conference Coach of the Year, his second time receiving the honor.

His son, Ty, associate head coach for the Foresters since 2005, will succeed him. "I think the world of my dad," the younger Platt said. "He's been a teacher for me and a leader for me for 38 years. What he's been able to do in his 14 years at Huntington University is nothing short of amazing."

"I am deeply saddened by Coach Platt's decision," said Dr. G. Blair Dowden, president, at a press conference on April 1. "No one has had a larger impact on Forester men's basketball than Steve Platt. I am filled with gratitude for the countless hours of service and leadership that he has invested in our men's basketball program over the past 14 years."

Platt became the 23rd head coach in Huntington University's 80-year men's basketball history at the beginning of the 1994 season. In his tenure as head coach, he has guided the Foresters to five MCC regular season titles, five MCC tournament championships, two National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics final four appearances, including national runners-up in 2006 and seven national tournament appearances in the last nine years.

His players have earned 23 All-America honors, including an NAIA National Player of the Year, 42 All-Conference honors, and on eight occasions, a Forester has been named MCC Player of the Year.

Platt, who has compiled 329 wins against 143 losses as head coach, saw his 2006-2007 squad earn the top spot in the NAIA Division II national rankings for the first time in the program's history. They remained atop the list for three weeks in December. Platt led the team to another MCC regular season and tournament championship. The Foresters knocked off the 9th-ranked Indiana Wesleyan Wildcats in the final game to earn their sixth consecutive trip to the NAIA National Tournament in Branson, Mo.

In 2007-2008, Platt's final season at the Forester helm, he took a young team that was picked to finish fourth in the MCC pre-season Coaches' Poll and led his players to a 22-10 record and a second place finish in the conference standings. The loss of NAIA All-American Doug Sheckler after a late-season injury undoubtedly hurt the squad's chances of earning a seventh consecutive trip to the national tournament.



"I inherited a program, and I wanted to leave it better than I found it. Hopefully, I did that."

Platt's winning percentage of .697 is the highest in school history. He reached the 100-win plateau faster than any previous Huntington men's basketball coach during his sixth season at the helm and notched his 300th win on Jan. 30, 2007, with a 66-48 victory over conference rival Taylor University.

As a player for Huntington College from 1970-1974, Platt led the Foresters to a record of 78-38. In the process of that achievement, Platt was a four-time selection as All-District Player of the Year and an NAIA All-American.

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Karen Jones**, associate professor of ministry and missions, and sophomore **Liz Challa** attended the Global Youth Initiative Conference in Jerusalem on March 8-13 where they met with more than 250 youth ministry professors or

program leaders from more than 50 countries. The conference focused on how to initiate Christian youth movements around the world, as opposed to merely focusing on distinct youth ministries. They toured Jerusalem and Bethlehem during the afternoons and then reflected on their observations in light of Jesus' ministry. In addition, Jones just completed a one-year youth devotional book for Student Life, to be published by Youth Specialties/Zondervan later this spring. The book, entitled "Commission," includes 240 distinct biblical devotions related to the theme, as well as 48 longer theme-related writings. She also was recently selected as a member of the editorial review board of the *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research*, a peer-reviewed journal.

• **Mr. Tom Ayers**, vice president for business and finance, was invited to speak at a breakout session at the annual conference of the Association of Business Administrators of

Christian Colleges on Feb. 19-22 in Orlando, Fla. His presentation was on endowment management with a focus on helping business officers of small Christian colleges understand the importance of asset allocation and related management issues. The session was sponsored by Baker & Daniels, LLP, of Indianapolis.

• The Association of Teacher Educators Midwest Program Committee accepted a proposal from **Dr. Cindy Steury**, associate professor of education, titled "Encouraging Preservice Teachers to Think and Teach in Two Dimensions." She presented a concurrent session at the 22nd Annual ATE Midwest Conference on April 4. The conference theme was "Enduring Issues: Translating Research into Practice," and the conference was held at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

• Two Huntington University students, **Christianne Gates** and **William Braun**, attended the 2008 Region V Convention of the Alpha Chi Honor Society held at Anderson University on March 28-29. They were accompanied by chapter sponsors **Dr. Paul Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, and **Mrs. Jean Michelson**, circulation coordinator for RichLyn Library. Gates presented a paper on "Jews under Christian and Muslim rulers in the Iberian peninsula during the Middle Ages," and Braun gave a paper on George Eliot's "Middlemarch" titled "Wash

Your Mouth Out: 'Unhistoric' Immorality." Gates was runner-up for the Region V Graduate Scholarship, and Dr. Michelson was elected vice president of Region V.

• **Dr. Patricia Spedden**, director of piano studies, served as the piano judge for the 2008 Ball State University concerto competition in Muncie, Ind., on Jan. 27.

• **Professor Bryan Ballinger**, assistant professor in digital media arts, was the featured artist on ParableComic.com on March 3. Parable is a graphic novel anthology dealing with Christian themes. Ballinger has a story in the anthology that will be released later this year.

• Department of Social Work Professors **Twyla Lee** and **Carla MacDonald** attended the conference for the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors in Destin, Fla. It was the 25th anniversary of the organization in celebration of excellence in social work education. Sessions were attended that covered the broad spectrum of activities related to teaching, practice, research and education. Both professors met, discussed and dialogued with participants regarding the implications of the Educational Planning and Assessment System standards for the social work program accreditation process. More than 800 members of the organization were in attendance.

Meet **Dr. Tim Elmore**
Curriculum Developer for the
Center for Leadership Studies



From the boardroom to the classroom, Dr. Tim Elmore develops people to become better leaders. He is the founder and president of Growing Leaders, Inc., a non-profit organization created to develop emerging leaders. Through Growing Leaders, he and his team equip middle school, high school and college students on hundreds of campuses. Elmore has authored 21 books. For more information, log on to www.growingleaders.com.

CENTER TO OFFER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Training to feature specially created curriculum

This spring, the Huntington University Foundation will launch the Center for Leadership Studies, offering training and resources for leadership development.

Dr. Tim Elmore, founder and president of Growing Leaders, Inc., in Duluth, Ga., has created two curriculums for the training: one values-based and the other faith-based. Elmore says that both incorporate "timeless, biblical leadership principles delivered in an 'EPIC' fashion." "EPIC" stands for "Experiential, Participatory, Image-Rich and Connected."

"I believe we must equip leaders in a new and fresh manner," Elmore said. "The lecture, drill and test methods of teaching are a dying breed in the 21st century."

This curriculum is called "Habitudes: Images That Form Leadership Habits and Attitudes." It includes a set of images, or photographs, that represent leadership principles. Elmore believes this strategy will make the principles more memorable because he says most people remember pictures better than words. In addition to the content, each section includes case studies, or stories; discussion questions; a personal assessment; and an exercise to help leaders practice what they have heard. The curriculum will include three interactive

workbooks, each with a set of the values-based and faith-based editions.

The target audience for "Habitudes" is business leaders in the community, as well as pastors and volunteers who lead churches.

"Anyone who is leading or hungers to become an effective leader would benefit from this training," Elmore said. "I especially would love to see emerging leaders from Generation Y take part as I have a heart to equip and unleash the Millennial generation to think and act like life-giving leaders."

The purpose of the "Habitudes" is to train participants, whatever their role, to embody healthy, effective leadership. Elmore believes leadership is more about "leveraging our God-given influence for a worthwhile cause than it is about a position or title."

"Leadership is really a 360-degree proposition," he said. "We lead and influence all around us—not just when we're at the top of an organization."

To learn more about the Center for Leadership Studies, contact Pete Schowmir, director of community relations, at (260) 359-4045 or pschowmir@huntington.edu.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball

The Foresters completed their second series sweep of the conference season with two more wins of 10-5 and 15-5 over Goshen College on April 5.

Golf

The HU golf team opened its spring competition with a fourth-place tie at the Indiana Wesleyan Spring Invitational by posting a score of 627 on April 5.

Tennis

The Forester men's tennis team opened its spring season with a solid 6-3 win over Cedarville University on March 29. The win evens the men's overall record at 7-7 on the year. The women's team opened its spring season with a 6-3 loss to Ohio Northern University on April 5.

Softball

The Foresters (4-10-1, 2-4) dropped a doubleheader to Marian College on April 5, losing 3-1 in 10 innings and 6-3.

Track & Field

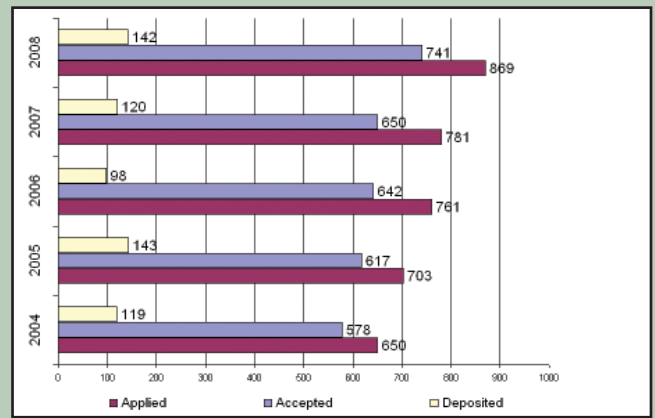
Dan Lindbloom broke his own school record in the 3000 meter steeplechase by nearly four seconds with his winning time of 9:21.68 at the Manchester College Invitational on April 5. Lindbloom also qualified to compete in the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in St. Louis in May. The Forester men finished fourth in the meet, and the women were third.

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



Senior Kayley Cervenka, a volleyball team member, was one of 13 student-athletes inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma on April 6. For details, visit www.huntington.edu/news/0708/chi-alpha-sigma.htm.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2008 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 unrestricted gift income through February is down 7 percent from last year. However, this decreased giving to the unrestricted University Fund is the result of one major annual restricted gift which was received in February of last year and had not been received yet for this fiscal year (a timing issue). With that gift in place, annual unrestricted giving would be tracking around 6 percent ahead of last year.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- The first 10 candidates for the Horizon Leadership Program have completed the first phase of the application process by submitting the necessary paperwork on or before March 10. For the second phase, candidates were invited to visit Huntington University's campus April 8 and 10. Events for the visit days include a breakfast, question-and-answer sessions for students and parents/guardians, a campus tour, chapel, lunch and student interviews with the selection committee. From the interviews, six students will be chosen for the program. Students admitted to the program will receive the Horizon Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship. The Horizon Leadership Program is a partnership between Huntington University and Youth for Christ with the goal of creating a more ethnically and culturally diverse campus. For more information about the Horizon Leadership Program, contact **Amber Brown**, director, at (260) 359-4032 or abrown@huntington.edu.

- On May 14 and 15 at Huntington University, Dr. Tim Elmore will hold a train-the-trainer event. The two days of training will cover the new leadership materials he has developed for the Center for Leadership Studies. Local businesses have the opportunity to support this effort. For each \$1,000 of contribution, businesses will receive
 - One trainer's slot for the two-day training program
 - Rights for their trained representative to use the material in their organization

- A discount on training materials for their organization
- Identification in future communication materials as a Training Partner for the Center for Leadership Studies
- Opportunity for their trained representative to become a member of the Center for Leadership Studies community training staff.

For more information, contact **Pete Schownir**, director of community relations, at (260) 359-4045 or pschownir@huntington.edu.

- Hollywood actress Maura Knowles will host two workshops for Huntington University students from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 16-17 in room 160 of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. The goal of the workshops is to help student-actors understand Hollywood. The April 16 workshop will address "Marketing/Knowing Your Type/Selling Yourself in Hollywood," and the April 17 workshop will provide insight regarding "Networking/Grooming/Acting for the Camera." For more information, contact **Professor David Shamburger**, chair of the Department of Theatre Arts, at dshamburger@huntington.edu (260) 359-4257.

- The 2008 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 20 students from Huntington University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. They include **Nicole Blue, Kyle Brenneman, Katie Jo Brown, Antoinette Feldpausch, Melissa**

Feters, Christianne Gates, Sean Gigg, Beth Hale, Anna Grace Jeter, Kevin Keller, Sara Kessie, Sarah Lang, Ashley Meyer, Justin Miller, Rachel Nazarenes, Adam Shoemaker, Kristi Thompson, Trista Watson, Joel Wentz and Erin Yost.

- Huntington University students, faculty and staff embarked on three mission trips over spring break to Jamaica, Honduras and Lakeland, Fla. The Jamaica team built two homes for families in Highgate, Jamaica. The group that went to Honduras was comprised entirely of student-teachers and conducted Vacation Bible Schools in addition to renovation and clean-up efforts. The Florida group, as part of the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge, put up hurricane strips on one duplex and built cabinets and hung trim in another.



Members of the Jamaica team construct a house.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			9 All-Area Music Student Recital II/4 pm	10 Baseball/4 pm (H) M Tennis/4 pm (A) A Midsummer Night's Dream/7:30 pm	11 Track & Field/2 pm (A) A Midsummer Night's Dream/7:30 pm	12 Spring Work Day Tennis/10 am (A) A Midsummer Night's Dream/2 & 7:30 pm
13	14	15 Softball/1 pm (A) Baseball/4 pm (H)	16 M Tennis/5 pm (H)	17 Baseball/4 pm (A) Eighth Annual Concerto Winners Concert/7:30 pm	18 Golf/noon (A) Stephanie Bachrens Senior Recital/7:30 pm	19 Golf/9 am (A) Track & Field/11 am (A) Baseball/1 pm (H) Softball/1 pm (A)
20	21	22 Baseball/1 pm (A)	23 Spring Fling Picnic Softball/3 pm (H) Tennis/4 pm (A)	24 Board of Trustees Spring Meeting British Invasion Concert/7:30 pm	25 Board of Trustees Spring Meeting Track & Field/4 pm (A)	26 Baseball/TBA (A) W Tennis/10 am (A) Softball/1 pm (A) Track & Field/4 pm (A)
27	28 Blood Drive Baseball/TBA (A) Golf/TBA (A)	29 Grandparents' Day Dr. Ruth Nalliah lecture/7 pm Golf/TBA (A)	30 All-Area Music Student Recital III/4 pm Softball/TBA (A)	1 JMC Appreciation Night/9 pm Baseball/TBA (A) Softball/TBA (A)	2 Annie Feldpausch & Jon Reid Senior Recital/6 pm Baseball/TBA (A)	3 Baseball/TBA (A) Softball/TBA (A) Track & Field/4 pm (A)
4 Softball/TBA (A)	5 Softball/TBA (A) Baseball/3 pm (A)	6 Forester Night/7 pm	7	8 Celebration of Service/6 pm	9 Track & Field/5 pm (A)	10
11	12 Semester Exams	13 Semester Exams	14 Foundation Breakfast/7:45 am Semester Exams	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit http://my.huntington.edu.</i>		

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

Over spring break, I traveled with 17 students and two faculty colleagues to Jamaica. We worked with Christian Service International (CSI) to build two houses. A question we pondered, in a booklet on short-term missions, prior to going to Jamaica was, "Are you an American first or a Christian first?" On the surface, it appears that our Christian commitment is primary and, thus, the answer to the question. But how do we separate our Christian identity from our American identity? In a country like Jamaica, our American status is quite obvious. We dress like Americans; we look like Americans, and we talk like Americans. In fact, there is little, if anything, that separates us from any other American traveling in Jamaica. American stereotypes abound. I remember reading a riddle on a bathroom wall in Germany several years ago that said, "What do you call a person who speaks three languages? Trilingual. What do you call a person who speaks two languages? Bilingual. What do you call a person who speaks one language? An American." Americans are known by many stereotypes, some like arrogance, materialism, disrespect, and corruption, are negative, whereas others are positive, too, such as friendliness, confidence, and being well-educated.

But the purpose for our spring break trip to Jamaica was to witness to the power of Christ in our lives and to partner with CSI to meet a physical need. The question quickly became for us, not what we were going to do, but how were

we going to do it? We can't do much about what people think of our national identity, but we can control how we do our work and how we work with our peers and the people of Jamaica. We focused our efforts on how we interacted with each other and how we responded to needs. For some of us, this meant we would serve others. For instance, some made sure everyone in our group had water to drink, or waited patiently while another person learned a new construction skill, or did not do something the way we thought it should be done, but rather did it the way it's done in Jamaica.

We learned to laugh together and to affirm each other. One unforgettable picture I remember seeing was of a Jamaican by the name of "Bubba" giving a fresh lime to one of our students who wasn't feeling well. Bubba was concerned about her well-being and shared a natural remedy with her that could be of help. Bubba also taught us, with humility, how to "toe nail" a wall stud into place, while offering some other help wherever he was needed. He was nonjudgmental and sincere, and for many of us was the epitome of being a servant leader. He probably could have built a house in half the time we took – without the mistakes we made, too – but instead, he taught us how to build it and worked with us to complete the project.

Are we Americans first or Christians first? I hope



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

we portrayed Christ in our work and our service to each other and as well to our new friends in Jamaica. I also know that we saw Christ in the people we served, and it was a joy to see Vonda (the single mother for whom we built a house) open her front door for the very first time. This short-term mission trip gave us the opportunity to learn from our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. For the rest of our lives, whenever we think of "Jamaica" or hear that word, we will have a different picture in mind: the picture of our new Jamaican brothers and sisters in Christ.