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CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The majority of Huntington's psychology courses are discussion-based classes that encourage students to talk about course content and make informed decisions about psychological issues. Psychology majors have the opportunity to interact with the psychology professors who challenge the students to learn and grow. Practicums offering practical experience are an encouraged part of the psychology curriculum. Students can be placed in psychology-related fields where they gain actual practice in using the knowledge they have learned in the classroom. Past students have completed practicums in a variety of areas, including counseling, welfare, youth services, and industrial/organizational development. Psychology majors are capable of pursuing many jobs that are people-related. The majority of psychology majors choose a vocation in social services where they work in counseling or with youth; however, options in teaching, management and other areas are also open to graduates with psychology degrees.

From securing student visas with the Belizean government to herding stray cattle off campus, Jared Friesen's many responsibilities can't all be found in his job description.

As a program director for Creation Care Study Program, Jared's day-to-day tasks are numerous and diverse. He lives and works at Creation Care's campus in Nabitunich, Belize. "I wear many hats, some that I had no idea I would wear prior to coming to Belize. I never get bored working and living here."

A 1998 Huntington psychology graduate, Jared went on to earn a master's degree in student affairs from Ball State University in 2002. He then worked in residence life at Taylor University and Calvin College, two experiences that he found rewarding, yet humbling. He especially enjoyed living and working with college students.

But ever since Jared could remember he has wanted to live and travel abroad. "I am drawn to the challenge and experience of living and working in another country," Jared explains. "There are different ways of doing things, different problems, and different joys." His desire to live abroad was strengthened when he spent five months in Ireland on a post-graduation trip with a college friend. Jared and his wife, Meghan, frequently had discussed living and working abroad, but the more he enjoyed his job working with college students, the more unlikely that seemed.

Then, after returning from a mission trip to Belize, Meghan told him about the work of the Creation Care Study Program. CCSP provides an academic semester abroad experience for Christian college students who wish to learn more about connecting their faith to modern environmental issues. Jared and Meghan prayed, discussed the job, and submitted their résumés—even though no jobs were available at the time.

Six months later, the Friesens were hired as program directors. It is a job well-suited for Jared because it



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combines his passion for college students with his interest in living abroad. He works to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for the students, ensuring that they get the most out of their experience. Jared spends a great deal of time with the students, often eating meals with them, sitting in on lectures, exploring the nearby Mayan ruins, or playing a game of Frisbee golf.

Faced with the various challenges he tackles on the job, Jared knows his overall experience at Huntington prepared him well to reach out to others to form meaningful relationships. As a freshman, Jared connected to a group of friends to whom he grew very close. He continues to maintain those friendships.

"These people have profoundly shaped my life, and I would not be who I am without their encouragement or their challenging words," Jared says. "While we were in college, we started to ask each other tough questions about life, relationships and faith, and we struggled together at times as well. We also encouraged each other and prayed for each other, and in doing so, I became aware of a different and new way of living—a way of life that was more rich, spirit-filled, and sacred in many ways."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• The Christians in Scientific Careers seminar series began the spring semester with mathematics students Alicia Hoffmann and Ashley Meyer presenting their summer research in mathematics on Feb. 1 in Hiner Hall of the

Science Hall. On Feb. 15, **Dr. Bobbi Buchholz**, assistant professor of mathematics, will present a summary of her recent doctoral dissertation research titled “Self-Adjoint Matrix Equations on Time Scales” at 4 p.m., also in Hiner Hall.

• “Walking with Arthur,” a book by Professor **James O’Donnell**, is now available in French. “Balade avec Arthur” was released in the fall of 2007 by Swiss publisher Ourania through the Bible House, a part of the United Bible Societies. “Balade avec Arthur” is available through the Bible House Web site. “Walking with Arthur,” released in February 2005 by Northfield Press, details O’Donnell’s coming to faith in the midst of his Wall Street career through an unexpected friendship with a neighbor, fellow commuter and Harvard-educated lawyer.

Professor O’Donnell served as the featured speaker at a retreat for the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, Ind. Approximately 40 people attended the event, held Jan. 25-26 at Oakwood Inn on Lake Wawasee. The group contacted O’Donnell after discussing “Walking with Arthur” in a Sunday school class.

• Recipients of the Huntington University Peer Award for the month of February are **Mrs. Deb Springer and Dr. Bruce Evans**. **Mrs. Linda Taylor**, alumni and church relations coordinator, passed the Peer Award to Mrs. Deb Springer. Springer is the library secretary and has been with the university for five years. **Mr. Matthew Ruiz**, instructor in exercise science, passed the Peer Award to Dr. Bruce Evans. Evans is professor of biology and has been with Huntington University for 16 years.

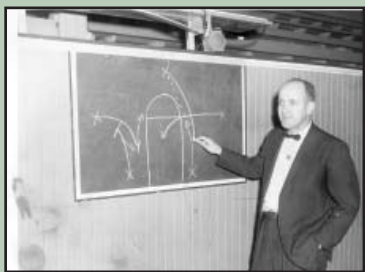
• The 11th Annual Fort Wayne Teaching Conference took place Feb. 8 in the Walb Memorial Union of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. **Dr. Cindy Steury**, associate professor of education, presented “Thinking Critically about Instruction” at the conference. The event was open to faculty at area

colleges and universities as well as area school administrators. Sponsoring institutions included Huntington University, Indiana Tech, IPFW, Ivy Tech Community College, Manchester College, Taylor University Fort Wayne and the University of St. Francis.

• **Drs. Bobbi Buchholz, Francis Jones, and Win Wetherbee** attended the national Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego, Calif., on Jan. 5-9. In addition to attending various sessions of the meetings, Buchholz and Jones also participated in the annual dinner meeting of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences. Jones also took a mini-course on Galois Theory.

• Huntington University professors **Dr. Paul Worfel and Mrs. Kristie Worfel** will present “A Concert of Sound and Silence” at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Dr. Worfel serves as assistant professor of education, and Mrs. Worfel is an adjunct professor in the Department of Theatre Arts. Through the recital, Mrs. Worfel will share her talents of miming while Dr. Worfel will perform on his trombone.

Remembering Coach K



One of Klopfenstein’s students, Dr. Jerry Smith, serves as professor of physics and chemistry at Huntington University. Describing Klopfenstein as “a gracious gentleman,” Smith recalled a specific instance of his professor’s generosity: “When I was a student, Professor Klopfenstein created a small Saturday afternoon physical education class for some of us who had Saturday morning chemistry labs because of other scheduling conflicts. I will always remember the time he took me aside after seeing the tape wrapped around my shoes to hold the shoes together, and found a pair of good used shoes from the basketball team.”

KLOPFENSTEIN LEAVES LEGACY AT HU

Former athletic director, professor impacted many

Richard Klopfenstein, former athletic director and chair of the Physical Education Department at Huntington University, passed away on Jan. 21. He was 85.

Klopfenstein is recognized as the “founding father” of the Mid-Central College Conference, the athletic conference in which the Foresters still compete. Klopfenstein helped start the MCC in 1959 and served as the organization’s first president.

“Coach K is a profound part of the Huntington University story,” said Dr. G. Blair Dowden, president of the university. “He was a leader in the discipline of physical education as the founding father of the MCC and the catalyst for the Merillat Physical Education and Recreation Complex. He had a tremendous impact on students – both athletes and non-athletes. He had a great love for the university and always showed care and concern for his students and colleagues. He will be greatly missed.”

In 1998, Klopfenstein was named a Distinguished Alumni in recognition of his 42 years of service to Huntington College as a professor, athletic director and coach. He was awarded professor emeritus status in 1987, but continued to coach golf until 1992. While at Huntington College, Klopfenstein coached a total of 80

seasons, including 33 years as golf coach, 15 years as men’s tennis coach, 13 years as men’s basketball coach, three years as baseball coach, and one year as women’s tennis coach. He won four MCC conference titles as golf coach and three as men’s basketball coach.

“In addition to coaching a variety of sports, Dick was an athlete in his own right,” said Dr. Carl Zurcher, Klopfenstein’s roommate in college and retired professor from Huntington University. “In later years, when younger coaches had taken over the major sports, he was invincible in badminton.”

One of his greatest badminton matches was against Channel 21 sportscaster Greg Johans in the “I Challenge Greg” series in 1986. At age 64, Klopfenstein beat Johans soundly, 15-3, 15-4.

Klopfenstein served 29 years as chair of the Physical Education Department and 25 years as athletic director. During his tenure as athletic director, he saw the sports program grow from two sports to 12, and he saw the facilities advance from a wooden-backboard old gym to the Merillat Physical Education and Recreation Complex now in use at the university. Klopfenstein chaired the Merillat Physical Education Center Building Committee.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Basketball

After being down by as many as 18 points in the second half, the men's basketball team (18-8, 8-4) rallied for the 66-63 win over Taylor University (18-8, 7-5) on Feb. 6. Doug Sheckler, the NAIA Division II National Player of the Week, took game-high honors with 29 points and 14 rebounds for HU. Kyle Bengel and Shively joined him in double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

The Taylor University Trojans (13-12, 7-5) shot 62 percent for the game on their way to an 82-79 come-from-behind win over the Forester women's basketball team (13-11, 5-7) on Feb. 6. The Foresters led by as many as nine at 73-64 with just under seven minutes to play, but got out-scored 18-6 down the stretch.



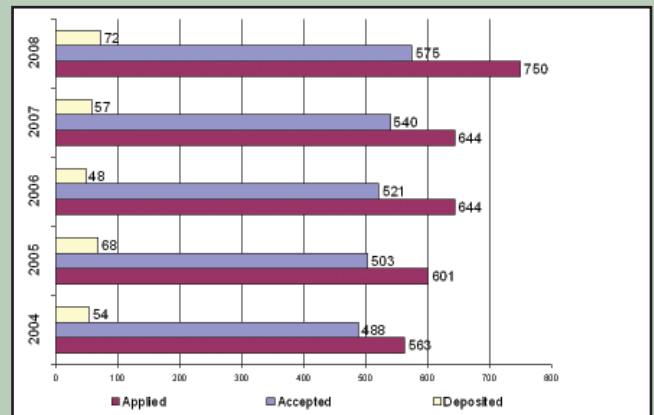
Women's track sophomore Bethany McGraw was named Athlete of the Week for Jan. 28 through Feb. 3. She paced the Foresters with three first place finishes at the Taylor University Indoor Track Invitational.

Track & Field

Bethany McGraw was a bright spot for the Foresters in a non-scored indoor track meet held at Taylor University on Feb. 2. She paced HU with three first place finishes in the 200 meter dash (26.62), the long jump (17-7.50) and the triple jump (36-0). On the men's side, Joel Sanders turned in the Foresters' top finish with a second place in the 1000 meter run with his time of 2:36.34.

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 2008 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The end of calendar year 2007 and the beginning of 2008 proved to be very encouraging as a number of donors responded to year-end giving requests. By Jan. 31 (eight months into the fiscal year), giving to the University Fund was up 4 percent over last year. Additionally, during the same period, giving by HU Foundation members to the University Fund and the Huntington County Grant Program was up 10 percent. The Advancement staff appreciates the on-going support of the ministry and mission of Huntington University.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Huntington University will host the Presidential Symposium on Christ-Centered Higher Education on March 5. Featured speakers include Dr. Mark Noll, McAnaney professor of history at the University of Notre Dame; Dr. Duane Litfin, president of Wheaton College; Dr. Stan Gaede, scholar-in-residence at Gordon College; and Dr. Donald Opitz, associate professor of sociology and higher education at Geneva College. Events include chapels, a prayer breakfast and worship as well as plenary, question-and-answer and response sessions. For more information, log on to www.huntington.edu/christcentered/.

- Sixty-one future Huntington University students were awarded a Presidential Scholarship of \$7,000 during the seventh annual Presidential Scholar Celebration Day on Feb. 8. Some of these students received an additional Colloquium Scholarship of \$1,500. The Presidential and Colloquium Scholarships at Huntington University are the highest honors bestowed on an incoming student. Academic criteria for the Presidential Scholarship are a 3.6 grade point average and either a 1250 SAT or 28 ACT score. The additional Colloquium Scholarship is awarded to students who achieve a 1320 SAT or 31 ACT score. The Presidential and Colloquium scholarships can continue to be awarded annually throughout the student's academic career at Huntington University

if he or she continues to demonstrate high achievement.

- The Huntington University Board of Trustees has approved a 4.5 percent increase for full-time traditional undergraduate tuition and fees in 2008-2009. "Huntington has worked diligently to moderate tuition and fees increases to make college more affordable for students and their families, having implemented increases of only 2 percent and 3 percent the past two years," said **Tom Ayers**, vice president for business and finance. The increase for the 2008-2009 academic year means that a full-time, traditional undergraduate student at Huntington will pay \$435 more in tuition and fees per semester. Annual tuition and fees at Huntington University is currently \$19,430, nearly \$4,300 less than the national average. Across the United States, the average tuition and fees at four-year private institutions in 2007-2008 is \$23,712, representing a 6.3 percent increase of more than \$1,400 over 2006-2007, according to College Board's 2007-2008 Annual Survey of Colleges.

- Huntington University's new student residence will bear a name from the past. The facility, scheduled for completion in August, will be called Livingston Hall after a historic dormitory of the same name. In selecting the name, the Huntington University Board of Trustees acknowledged that "the original Livingston Hall

was home away from home for generations of students" and the name "continues to this day to evoke positive memories of campus life among the alumni who lived there."

- At its annual dinner meeting Thursday, the Huntington County Humane Society honored Huntington University's Joe Mertz Center for Volunteer Service with the Thurman Poe Humanitarian of the Year Award. The award is given to an organization, business or individual in recognition of some special effort to benefit animals in Huntington County. Student volunteers from the JMC assisted with the fall and spring cleanup days. This included painting, hauling trash, lawn cleanup, cleaning out semi-trailers and helping the humane society prepare for its September auction.



Adam Shoemaker, Katie Jo Brown and Amie Arthur accept the Thurman Poe Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Huntington County Humane Society.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			13 Service Emphasis Week M Basketball/7 pm (A) W Basketball/7 pm (H)	14 Service Emphasis Week Kristen Lynne Kohaut senior theatre project/ 7:30 pm	15 Service Emphasis Week Honors Convo/11 am Jenn Miller senior theatre project/7:30 pm	16 W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H) Cassandra Quinn Dyar theatre project/7:30 pm
17	18	19 Forester Lecture: Sgt. William Jones/7 pm	20 M Basketball/7 pm (H) W Basketball/7 pm (A)	21 Baseball/2 pm (A) Worfels' faculty recital/ 7:30 pm	22 Bible Study/11 am Baseball/1 pm (A) Track & Field/4 pm (A)	23 Baseball/noon (A) W Basketball/1 pm (H) Mossburg Strings/ 7:30 pm
24	25	26 Global Opportunities Week W Basketball/7 pm (A)	27 Global Opportunities Week M Basketball/7 pm (A)	28 Global Opportunities Week	29 Bible Study/11 am Baseball/3 pm (A)	1 Baseball/noon (A)
2	3	4	5 Presidential Symposium on Christ-Centered Higher Education (See page 3.)	6 Track & Field/TBA	7 Track & Field/TBA	8 Track & Field/TBA Baseball/ noon & 6 pm (H)
9	10	11	12 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit http://my.huntington.edu.</i>		

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

Several years ago, I visited Dachau, the Nazi concentration camp, located near Munich, Germany. Dachau's main gate was made of intricate wrought iron, emblazoned with the words "Arbeit macht frei": literally, "work sets (one) free." The Nazis put those disingenuous words over the gate to declare that self-sacrifice – or at least some form of murderous slave labor – brings freedom.

Huntington University's motto, embossed on the university seal, is strangely similar to that German ideal found on the Dachau gate, except that we hold that truth ("die wahrheit") sets one free, not work ("die arbeit"). In fact, Jesus tells his followers that "truth makes (one) free" (John 8:32). His words vary a bit from translation to translation, but their sense cannot be missed. As Jesus said, and as we acknowledge in our motto: "The truth shall make you free."

But what does it mean for the truth to set one free? We talk about God being the Supreme Creator of the Universe. The great Christian philosopher and thinker on Christian higher education, Arthur Holmes, in his "The Idea of a Christian College," states that "the early church fathers summed this up in what has become a guidepost for Christian scholars ever since – all truth is God's truth, wherever it be found."

In the Gospel of John, Jesus states that, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except by me" (John 14:6). In other words, to know the truth is to know Jesus; and wherever truth is found or discovered, there God is also. To know Jesus, then, is to know God the Father. But implied in Jesus' thought is the reality that truth is not only to be found in God's Holy Word, but in many other places as well, a number of which may, at first, seem most unlikely.

If truth is to be liberating, it must free us from prejudice and narrowness. We need the freedom to explore ideas and relationships and, as well, the courage to realize that truth is hiding in unexpected places, too. To me, one of the most interesting parables Jesus ever told is that involving the wheat and the weeds found in Matthew 13:24-30. A master's servants asked him if they should pull up the weeds that an enemy had sown among the crops. The master says, "No, because as you gather the weeds you might pull up some of the wheat along with them. Let the wheat and the weeds both grow together until the harvest" (John 13:29-30).

It seems to me that Jesus is saying that if we hope to set ourselves – as well as those we love – free, then we will have to live at least for a while with both good and bad. For most times, good and bad



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

are so intertwined that to extract the weeds, we might unintentionally destroy the truth. Still, we must never cease searching for truth, for truth is what sets us free.

The Nazis claimed that work would bring freedom, even though work never set anyone free from a Nazi death camp; only death did that. The Nazis' promise was a false promise. But Jesus' promise is true: the truth – wherever it is found – will set us free. And – wonder of wonders – wherever it is found, there, too, will be God.