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DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS PROGRAM

Digital media arts students are encouraged to explore their own creativity and artistic expression. Students may choose from two focused tracks: DV Cinema or Computer Animation. A high-tech digital classroom with several digital media workstations are at the students' fingertips to assist with the key skills necessary for their educational development. These workstations are used for animation, digital cinema and multi-media classes. In addition to classroom experiences, students have opportunities to attend an annual DV Cinema/Digital Media Arts festival and, if they choose, spend a semester at the CCCU's Los Angeles Film Studies Center.

The courses provide a sound and ethical base for a career in the digital media industry. Huntington's professors are Christian scholars who excel in each area of the communication field. They help students gain the skills and the judgment needed for success in this rapidly growing and culture-shaping industry.

As a senior at Huntington University, Tyler Welker is quickly becoming a seasoned digital media artist.

In the fall of 2006, Tyler and two other students debuted "Boxed," a short animated film, at Wheaton College's "LEAST" festival, an event that gives students the opportunity to respond to poverty and AIDS through the arts.

As a junior, Tyler and another student won first place in the TV Entertainment Feature category of the 2007 College State Awards for the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters.

During the January Terms of his sophomore and junior years, Tyler worked on two film projects, which he says taught him a great deal about how to work under a deadline and how much time and detail is required to complete artistic endeavors of that scale.

Tyler's education and experiences helped him land an internship at Media Sauce, a multi-media marketing company in Indianapolis, in the summer of 2007.

"Huntington's digital media arts program has exposed me to a wide variety and selection of media along with different ways to express my art through film and design," Tyler says. "I have received close attention from my DMA professors who truly care about my learning experience."

Tyler's professors include Bryan Ballinger and Steve Leeper. Both were employed by Big Idea Productions, Inc., the creator of "VeggieTales," and both continue to be active in freelance work.

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Prior to attending Huntington, Tyler went to a prestigious art institute in a major metropolitan area. Despite the advantages, Tyler wanted something more – a quality education with a Christ-centered focus.

"I immediately fell in love with the atmosphere and the overall beauty of Huntington's campus when I first visited," he says. "It had a very welcoming feel to it. I wanted to go to a Christian university and also wanted to study digital media and animation, and Huntington offers both."

For Tyler, the differences in his experiences at the two schools have become evident.

"I think the biggest advantage is the attention I've received from the professors in a smaller classroom setting," Tyler says. "That was vitally important to my education and what I have learned at Huntington. Also, I appreciate that there is always available space and equipment when you need to

CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Timothy O. Smith**, assistant professor of history at Huntington University, has released a new book titled "Britain and the Origins of the Vietnam War: UK Policy in Indo-China, 1943-50." The 256-page hardcover

book is available through the United Kingdom publisher's Web site. The U.S. release is scheduled for Nov. 13.

• On Aug. 25, 22 groups comprised of new students, faculty and staff participated in the Volunteer Plunge, an annual fall event. The groups served at 18 locations, including not-for-profit organizations, schools and a Huntington resident's home.

• The 2008 *U.S. News & World Report* annual collegiate rankings has listed Huntington University as 7th among the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest region. Huntington also appears as No. 5 in the Best Values category for Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest. This

ranking is based on the percentage of students receiving need-based grants, the average cost of tuition after receiving those grants and the average discount from the total cost.

• Huntington University welcomed seven new faculty members for the fall 2007 semester. They include **Dr. Bobbi Buchholz**, assistant professor of mathematics; **Prof. Silvia Choi**, assistant professor of Spanish; **Ms. Jody Davenport**, instructor in physical education; **Dr. Jerry Davis**, director of the graduate counseling program and professor of counseling; **Ms. Barb Michel**, visiting instructor in art; **Dr. Tim Smith**, assistant professor of history; and **Prof. Margaret Winter**, director of the Department of Nursing and assistant professor of nursing.

• Huntington University inducted 10 members into its Lambda Pi Eta chapter at a ceremony held Sept. 7 in Habecker Dining Commons. LPH is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association. New members include **Chris Gordon, Laura Bowman, Jamie Blosser, Katie Hursey, Amie Arthur, Hannah Morris, Evelina Wongosari, Neil Zehr, Brian Thompson and Germinal Rosell**. "These students represent both academic excellence and collegiality since they

must meet a high grade point average and be voted in by their peers," said Dr. Kevin Miller, advisor for LPH and associate professor of communication.

• The Huntington University Department of Theatre Arts will introduce new talent with "Fresh Faces," an evening of scenes and songs, on Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. The department will show off its new class of talent through a collection of musical and theatrical pieces. Admission is free. For further information, contact the Department of Theatre Arts at (260) 359-4257 or visit www.huntington.edu/theatre.

• The Huntington University Women's Auxiliary fall semester breakfast will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Sept. 22 in the upper level of the Habecker Dining Commons. "Breakfast with Rebecca" will feature **Prof. Rebecca Coffman**, professor of art. Her program, "*Il Bottega di Italia*," will bring her audience the experience of her summer in the heart of Tuscany, Italy, at the La Meridiana art studio. The buffet is open to the public, and tickets are \$5.50. Reservations may be made with Pat Jones at the Richlyn Library by calling (260) 359-4061 or (260) 356-7365.

MEET THE INTERNS



• (left to right) **Ryan Imel**, a sophomore Bible and religion major from Roanoke, Ind.

• **Ben Wulpi**, a sophomore Bible and religion major from Fort Wayne, Ind.

• **Jason Eberly**, a sophomore film studies major from Fort Wayne, Ind.

• **Chris Hoffman**, a senior entrepreneurship/small business major from Fort Wayne, Ind.

• For more information about the ERC, log on to www.huntington.edu/erc.

INTERNSHIP SPARKS BUSINESS IDEA

Four students to create web-based business

Four Huntington University students plan to parlay an internship experience at the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center into their own web-based business.

While the would-be owners – Jason Eberly, Chris Hoffman, Ryan Imel and Ben Wulpi – have decided to keep details under wraps until the launch, they say their time at NIIC gave them the tools to make their effort a success.

"The Huntington students jumped into this experience headfirst and immersed themselves in the process of creating a new business," said Remound Wright, director of the NIIC's Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence and the students' internship advisor. "They identified a problem, assessed the pain in the marketplace and clarified the unmet need with a very creative and credible solution. I was extremely impressed. They created a cadre of initial ideas before they settled on the idea they will launch later this year. Once focused on their business concept, the creativity really began as they had to make their concept dramatically different than anything else in the market place. The Innovation Center was proud to be a part of this important initiative that grows our own for the future of our community."

The students spent their summer working with clients of the Innovation Center doing research, writing business plans and revising those plans in addition to working

on their own plan. NIIC develops ideas and grows businesses through providing resources and training to owners.

"My business plan writing skills have improved significantly," said Hoffman, a senior entrepreneurship/small business major from Fort Wayne, Ind. "I also have become much more business-minded and have become much more confident in my ability to start up something on my own. I'm looking forward to applying what I've learned in my classes this fall and spring and after graduation."

The university's Enterprise Resource Center connected students to the NIIC through "Huntington Scholars," a program of Venture Works and a collaboration between Huntington University, Huntington County United Economic Development Corporation, the Huntington County Commissioners and the NIIC. Venture Works is a business incubator accelerator that assists entrepreneurs with starting a new company or reinventing an existing one.

The students were selected for the experience after an application and interview process with the Innovation Center and the ERC.

For more information about NIIC, log on to www.niic.net. For more about Venture Works, log on to www.hcuedventureworks.com.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Cross Country: The men's team placed 4th out of 12 teams at the Hanover College Invitational on Sept. 8. The men and women's teams both placed first at Goshen College's Hokum Karem on Sept. 1.

Golf: Freshman Justin McMillen fired a two-under-par 70 to lead the Foresters to a win at the Jon P. Spieß Memorial Classic held in Wauseon, Ohio, on Sept. 10.

Soccer: The men's team pounded Bluffton University 10-2 in their home field opener on Sept. 8. The women earned their first victory of the season, also defeating Bluffton 4-1.



Jim Ryun

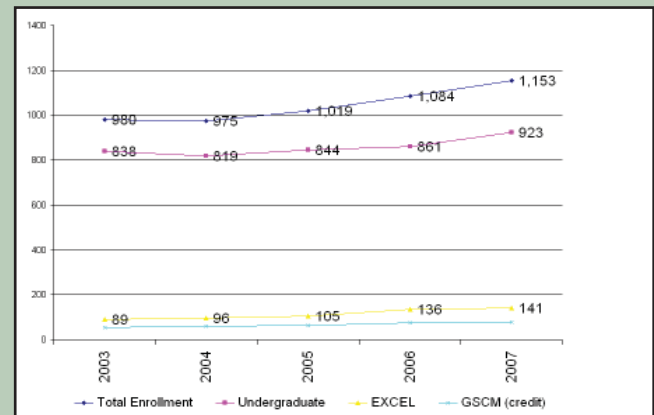
Tennis: The Foresters had no trouble with Spring Arbor University as they picked up an 8-1 victory on Sept. 8. The team is 2-0 in the MCC and 4-1 on the season.

Track and Field: Acclaimed track-and-field star Jim Ryun will serve as the keynote speaker at a dinner hosted by the track and field team. The public is welcome to attend the event to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 in the upper level of Habecker Dining Commons. Tickets are available for \$25 through the university's Athletic Department by calling (260) 359-4212 or through Tom King, head coach of the track and field team, at (260) 359-4256.

Volleyball: For the second year, the Foresters won the Defiance College (Ohio) Invitational on Sept. 8, dropping just one game in four matches on their way to the title. HU's Kayley Cervenka was named the tournament MVP, and Stephanie Stearns was selected as the defensive player of the tournament.

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

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



Huntington University has a record enrollment of 1,153 students for the fall 2007 semester. Records were broken in undergraduate (923), incoming class (299) and EXCEL (141) enrollment. The chart shows the growth in enrollment over the last five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The beginning of a new academic year means a number of activities and events come back to life on Huntington's campus. For the Advancement staff, this fall involves kicking off a new series of HU Foundation breakfast events, welcoming PACE to campus for its semi-annual meeting, hosting Homecoming Weekend and planning for the return of Parent Weekend in early November. All of these activities are important to the overall work of the Advancement Office as they provide an opportunity to continue to build relationships with many constituents.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

9 a.m.
"Fish Series"
Exhibit by Kwangkyu Park, Wilson Art Gallery

11 a.m.
Alpha Chi Induction and Luncheon (invitation only)

5:15 p.m.
Dinner through the line, Habecker Dining Commons

6 p.m.
Homecoming Coronation, Huntington Union Building

Volleyball vs. Goshen College, Merillat Complex for Physical Education & Recreation

7:30 p.m.
Harmony Unplugged Concert, Zurcher Auditorium

9 p.m.
Reception hosted by the Dowdens, Merillat Centre for the Arts lobby

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

8 a.m.
5-K Run/Walk sponsored by Alpha Gamma Pi, MCPER

8:30 a.m.
Klopfenstein Classic Golf Outing benefiting

Forester Baseball, Norwood Golf Course

9 a.m.
Huntington University Bookstore opens

"Fish Series" Exhibit by Kwangkyu Park, Wilson Art Gallery



10 a.m.
Powder Puff Football, Front Campus

Homecoming Weekend Registration, HDC and MCPER

10:30 a.m.
E. DeWitt Baker Cross Country Invitational, HU CC Course (corner of Stults & Gragg)

11 a.m.
Five-year Class Reunions ('47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02), HDC

11:30 a.m.
All School Lunch, HDC

Noon
Women's Soccer vs. Rochester College, MCPER

12:30 p.m.
Alpha Psi Omega 35th Class Reunion ('71, '72, '73), HDC, Forester Room

1:30 p.m.
Departmental Reunion, Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Science Hall

Departmental Reunion, Social Work, Loew-Brenn, second-floor faculty lounge

Department of Nursing Tour, Science Hall, lower level

2 p.m.
"Shakespeare!" (HU Theatre Company), The Dock (or Studio Theatre if inclement weather)

Men's Soccer vs. Rochester College, MCPER

3 p.m.
Digital Media Arts Tour, Becker Hall, second floor

5 p.m.
Alumni Family Dinner and Awards, HDC

6 p.m.
Alumni Baseball Scrimmage, Forest Glen Park

7 & 9:30 p.m.
Davis Hall Follies, Zurcher Auditorium



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			12 Acts of Renewal/ 11 am & 9:30 pm Golf/TBA (A) M Soccer/4 pm (A)	13 Acts of Renewal/ 10 am Golf/TBA (A) W Soccer/5 pm (H)	14 Constitution Convocation/11 am X Country/3:30 pm (A) Fresh Faces/7:30 pm	15 M Tennis/10 am (A) W Tennis/12:30 pm (A) W Soccer/1 pm (A) M Soccer/2:30 pm (H)
16	17 Golf/TBA (A)	18 Golf/TBA (A) W Soccer/4 pm (A) W Tennis/5 pm (H) Volleyball/7 pm (A)	19 M Tennis/4 pm (H) M Soccer/4:30 pm (A)	20 The Glass Menagerie/ 7:30 pm M/W Tennis/TBA (A)	21 Bible study/11 am The Glass Menagerie/ 7:30 pm W Soccer/4 pm (H)	22 The Glass Menagerie/ 2 & 7:30 pm M Soccer/2 pm (H) W Soccer/3 pm (A)
23	24 Golf/1 pm (A)	25 M Tennis/3 pm (A) W Tennis/3 pm (A) W Soccer/4 pm (H) M Soccer/7 pm (A)	26	27 M/W Tennis/4 pm (H) Joni Killian Recital/ 7:30 pm	28 Bible study/11 am Golf/1 pm (H) All Campus Off Campus Retreat/5 pm	29 X Country/9:45 am (A) Golf/10 am (H) W Soccer/noon (H) M Soccer/1 pm (A)
30	1 Golf/TBA (A) W Soccer/5 pm (H)	2 Golf/TBA (A) M Tennis/2 pm (H)	3 M Soccer/4 pm (H) W Soccer/4 pm (A) Volleyball/7 pm (H)	4 M/W Tennis/1 pm (A)	5 HOMECOMING (See schedule on page 3.)	6 HOMECOMING (See schedule on page 3.)
7	8 W Tennis/4 pm (H)	9 M Soccer/3:30 pm (A) W Soccer/3:30 pm (A) Invitational Band Festival/7 pm	10 Foundation Breakfast/7:45 am High School Math Competition/10 am	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to another year at Huntington University! The fall semester is off to a wonderful start. It is always good to see our students return to campus, and this year we welcomed a record incoming class of 299 freshmen and transfer students. Our EXCEL program for adults also achieved a record enrollment of 141 students. Our overall enrollment this fall now stands at 1,153 — another new record!

I am very grateful for the hard work of many individuals who helped Huntington University achieve these milestones. We are well on our way toward achieving our long-term enrollment goal of 2,000 students.

Why are more students choosing Huntington University for their education? Our students identify two primary reasons. The first is academic excellence. Students tell us that Huntington provides a rigorous curriculum, engaging faculty, and high quality educational programs. They are confident they will be able to pursue their chosen career and calling after graduation.

Huntington is gaining wide recognition as an academic leader. This year, *U.S. News & World Report* again ranked Huntington University among the top colleges in the Midwest. We were listed this year as No. 7 among 48 competing institutions. The magazine also listed us on their

“Best Values” list, calling Huntington “a great school at a great price.”

We are excited about our ranking on these lists. It is encouraging to be recognized for excellence. But there are other schools on that list. The thing that truly sets Huntington University apart is our vibrant Christian faith. This, I believe, is the other significant reason Huntington is growing. Students say that the spiritual atmosphere of our campus is the primary reason they choose to enroll. Our catalog says that Huntington University is “founded upon a vital evangelical Christian faith,” and we are living up to our promise to be a Christ-centered campus where faith, learning, and service are tightly integrated.

The “main thing” at Huntington University is our Christ-centeredness. That is who we say we are; that is our promise to students. This year, I am calling on the entire campus community to join me in some “main thing thinking.” We are going to reflect on what it means to be a Christ-centered university — how Christ-centeredness should be manifested among us in our work, our teaching, and our interpersonal relationships.

To engage the university community in this dialog, we are planning a number of activities for students, faculty, staff, and trustees. There will be special presentations in chapel, faculty development sessions, staff dialogs, trustee



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workshops, and student discussions. Friday Bible studies will focus on the person and work of Jesus Christ. We hope to publish response essays from a variety of individuals reflecting on Christ-centeredness. Then on March 5, 2008, I will host a Presidential Symposium on Christ-centered Higher Education. High-profile speakers will challenge us to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our promise of being a Christ-centered university, and how we might improve.

I encourage you to join our year-long conversation. It will be an exciting – and important – year in the life of our university.