

Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



APPLYING CLASSROOM STUDIES ON THE JOB

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Students in the business management program at Huntington University take classes in a variety of academic disciplines, including management, accounting, economics, business law and mathematics. They receive a strong academic preparation using the same technology they will encounter in the workplace.

At Huntington University, students gain the analytical and problem-solving skills necessary for success in the business world. They graduate with a broad, well-balanced education that expands their career opportunities and prepares them for graduate study.

Huntington students are mentored by successful management professionals through a variety of internship opportunities. Through the university's Executive-in-Residence Program and Visiting Executive Seminars, students wrestle with contemporary business issues alongside fellow students, faculty and regional business leaders.

Since 2003, American Specialty Insurance & Risk Management Services, Inc., has accepted Huntington University students as interns. In the summer of 2008, Spencer Batt, a senior business management major from New Haven, Ind., began a three-month internship that resulted in a part-time job throughout his senior year.

American Specialty has a strong history with Huntington University students, having at least three HU interns that went on to become full-time employees.

Spencer interned in the client services department, more specifically in the programs division. He was responsible for everything from the rating and binding of insurance policies to creating lists of prospects for the marketing team to pursue. This involved researching zoos, fairs, family entertainment centers and other attractions.

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A fast learner, Spencer caught on quickly. Entering a field in which he had no previous experience, he had to tap into the resources in his office.

"Interning at a great place like American Specialty, I found helpful colleagues everywhere who would answer my questions," Spencer said.

Interestingly enough, Spencer never expected to end up in the insurance business, but after such a positive experience, there is a good possibility that he will begin his career in that field. But more importantly, his time at American Specialty confirmed for Spencer that he wants to work in a job that involves developing relationships.

Without having any formal training in the insurance field, Spencer says what helped him the most was "an all-encompassing look at the business world through different classes" at Huntington. He gives the credit for this well-rounded education to his professors.

"Raw book knowledge could come from studying independently," said Spencer, "but learning application takes excellent professors, something Huntington University has."



Spencer Batt, HU senior, and Jody Holzinger, insurance agent at American Specialty

Spencer suggests that students use the Enterprise Resource Center to its fullest potential, although it was Jim O'Donnell, associate professor of business, who connected him with American Specialty.

"No matter what field of study a student is in, an internship is crucial," said Spencer. "It is not only a place for someone to try out their intended profession, but also a time for real-life application of the knowledge a student has gained."

With the ERC having connections and contacts with so many businesses and in so many fields, Spencer says that the organization offers a valuable service to Huntington University students.

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

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities recently announced a multi-year grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, based out of Vancouver, Wash., for the creation of a Leadership Development and Spiritual Formation

Program. The project is led by co-directors Keith Anderson, the senior vice president for Academics at Mars Hill Graduate School in Seattle, Wash., and **the Rev. Bill Fisher**, dean of Christian faith & life at Huntington University. The \$248,000 grant, to be allocated over a three-year period, will fund the work of the spiritual formation program in its goal to identify and assess best practices to guide students in their respective spiritual journeys. For more information about the grant, log on to www.huntington.edu/news/0809/spiritual-formation.htm.

• **Dr. Timothy Smith**, assistant professor of history, was invited as a guest lecturer to the University of East Anglia, England, on Jan. 19. Smith presented a lecture to the undergraduate

history students titled “India: From Rebellion to the High Noon of the Raj.”

• Last year, **Dr. Mark Fairchild**, professor of Bible and religion, was asked to contribute three articles for the “Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception,” known as the “EBR.” The encyclopedia is international in scope and aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of “the current state of knowledge on the origins and development of the Bible according to its different canonic forms in Judaism and Christianity.” The project, when completed, will contain 30 volumes of approximately 600 pages each. The first volume has now been published and contained three articles that Fairchild wrote on “Agora,” “Amphitheater” and “Areopagus.” Additional information may be found at the Web site, www.degruyter.com/ebr.

• **Prof. Bob Kaehr**, director of library services, has written an article titled “Being a Christian Librarian: A Partial Definition” for *The Christian Librarian*, the journal of the Association of Christian Librarians. It appeared in the [December] 2008, Vol. 51, No. 3 edition. *The Christian Librarian* is indexed in the Christian

Periodical Index, Information Science Abstracts and Library Literature. *The Christian Librarian* is a member of the Evangelical Press Association.

• **Mrs. Beth Lahr**, managing director of development operations, has completed all of the requirements as stated in the Certified Stewardship Professional program to earn the CSP designation.

• **Dr. Paul E. Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, recently published “Collected Memories, Collective Amnesia, and Post-Communism,” in *Interstitio*, Vol. 1 (2007), No. 2, pp. 137-158, which was his keynote address at the fall 2007 Free University of Moldova conference on Collective Memory in Southeastern Europe; and “Venice, between myth and reality,” in the *Alpha Chi Recorder*, Vol. 51 (2008), No. 3, pp. 45-46, a brief article on the attractions of Venice.

In addition, Michelson gave a lecture at the Taylor University C. S. Lewis and Friends meeting in Upland on Jan. 16. The title of his presentation was “Prince Caspian the Movie: A Return to Narnia?”



Lauren Davenport, captain of the HU women's basketball team; Haleigh Osborne, HU women's basketball center and daughter of a breast cancer survivor; and Lori Culler, head coach of the HU women's basketball team, present a check for \$2,007 to Heidi Floyd, development ambassador for the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer.

The Huntington University women's basketball program raised \$2,007 for breast cancer research through a Pink Out event held Jan. 31.

The team presented a check to Heidi Floyd, development ambassador for the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer, following its game against Grace College. Funds were raised through donations in lieu of a game-day admission charge as well as through T-shirt and pink popcorn sales.

“There is a misconception that this disease only affects older women,” said Floyd, a three-year

PINK OUT RAISES \$2,007 FOR RESEARCH *Women's basketball team honors survivors*

breast cancer survivor. “Younger women need to take care of themselves and realize that this disease affects women of all ages.”

All of the funds donated to the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer are directed toward breast cancer research, Floyd explained.

“This research saves lives,” she said. “It saved my life, and it saved my son's life.” Floyd was pregnant with her son, Noah, when she discovered she had breast cancer.

Beth Goldsmith, a breast cancer survivor and former assistant coach of the Huntington University women's basketball team, spoke at halftime. Goldsmith's sister passed away from the disease, and her mother is currently fighting it.

“I am grateful for this journey,” she told the crowd. “It hasn't changed my life goals and purpose, but it has expanded them.”

Goldsmith said she was pleased to come back and support “a coach, a program and an institution that I respect so much.” She also found it meaningful to tie the support for this particular cause to an athletic event because

“breast cancer affects so many female athletes.”

Also at halftime, 35 breast cancer survivors were recognized and presented with a Pink Elephants Candle of Hope from the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer.

The event was co-sponsored by Beacon Credit Union, represented by Sue Rumble, Huntington branch manager, and the Huntington Schools Federal Credit Union, represented by Don Cotton, board member. Other sponsors included Huntington University's Student Senate, Sodexo, Coach's Connection Inc. and Town & Country Flowers & Gifts.

The Huntington University Foresters, ranked 10th by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, defeated the Grace College Lancers 80-63.

Pink Out is a nationwide initiative of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics sponsored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to support breast cancer research and awareness programs. HU's Pink Out will become an annual women's basketball event to raise awareness and resources to advance breast cancer education and research.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball: The baseball team will host its first annual "Meet the Team" night at 6 p.m. on Feb. 21. To attend the event, contact Coach Mike Frame at (260) 359-4082 or at mframe@huntington.edu.

Basketball: After falling to Bethel College (24-3, 10-3) on the road earlier in the season, the men's basketball team (16-10, 5-7) evened up the series with a 101-95 overtime upset of the NAIA Division II top-ranked Pilots on Feb. 7.

The game was a battle for first place in the MCC standings between the NAIA 10th-ranked women's basketball team and 16th-ranked Bethel College. A dismal shooting performance spelled doom for HU and led to a disappointing 69-55 loss on Feb. 7.

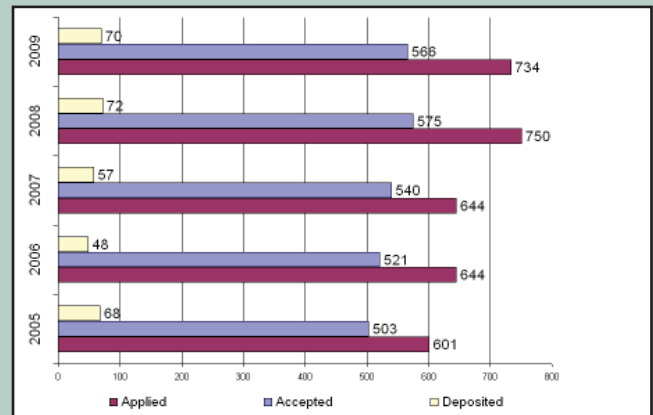
Track & Field: The Foresters competed in a non-scored indoor track meet at Taylor University on Feb. 7. The men claimed four first place finishes, and the women brought home two. On the men's side, Lucas Beach won the shot put with a toss of 16.39m and was third in the weight throw with a mark of 14.98m. Matthias Haller ran a 1:57.75 800-meter for the win. Dan Lindbloom crossed first in the 3000 meter with a time of 8:52.22 with teammate Joseph Herber right behind him in second with a time of 8:53.93. Joseph Njeri took the 5000 meter in 15:32.26. In women's action, Bethany McGraw and Jill Roughia paced the women with individual first place finishes. McGraw won the 200 meter in 26.58, and she finished second in the long jump (5.27m) and fourth in the triple jump (10.15m). Roughia took first in the 1000 meter with a time of 3:13.64.

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



Senior Kyle Bengé earned Athlete of the Week honors for his outstanding efforts during the week of Jan. 26 to Feb. 1.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2009 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Through January, donors have responded generously in their giving to the university. The total gift income (minus a major estate gift received) increased by 9 percent in the first eight months of the fiscal year. Additionally, the total number of donors making gifts is up 3 percent over last year and is the second highest number of individual donors in the last five years. Finally, giving by HU Foundation members for the fiscal year-to-date totals nearly \$55,000. The Advancement staff expresses its sincere appreciation to everyone who supports the ministry and mission of Huntington University.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Forty-eight future Huntington University students were awarded a Presidential Scholarship of \$7,000 during the eighth annual Presidential Scholar Celebration Day on Feb. 6. 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. The Celebration Day provided an opportunity for the Presidential Scholars and their families to learn more about the experiences of other high-achieving students at Huntington University and to meet with faculty within their chosen academic divisions. Scholarship recipients also met with current students, recent alumni and university staff members to gain insights about degree programs, internship opportunities, campus life, and the integration of faith and learning. During the Presidential Scholar Luncheon, each recipient was introduced by Dr. Norris Friesen, vice president and dean of the university, and presented with a certificate by Dr. Ann McPherrin, interim president of the university.

- The Flora Dale Krouse Foundation, administered by National City Bank of Fort Wayne, has given the Independent Colleges of Indiana \$500 book stipend awards for six Hoosier students, totaling \$3,000. Dedicated to helping high-achieving students with financial need, these book stipends are designated

for juniors and seniors at Fort Wayne-area independent campuses: Huntington University, Indiana Tech, Manchester College, Taylor University Fort Wayne, Trine University and the University of Saint Francis. Selected by an independent panel of judges, this year's recipients include **Elizabeth Hope Waldfogel**, a family and children's ministry major from Fort Wayne, Ind., and **Joshua James Cauhorn**, an English education major from Avilla, Ind.

- The Russell P. Heuer Foundation of Delaware has awarded the Independent Colleges of Indiana \$10,000 for four scholarships of \$2,500 each. These scholarships are designated for Indiana students majoring in science, preferably chemistry, who have demonstrated financial need and are in their junior or senior year of college. More than 25 of ICI's 31 member colleges and universities offer degrees in chemistry and related fields of study such as biochemistry. Selected by an independent panel of judges, this year's winners, each receiving a \$2,500 scholarship, include **Andrew J. Schwartz**, a chemistry major from Monroe, Ind.

- Through an annual scholarship program, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is actively encouraging students at Indiana's independent colleges and universities to pursue careers in the insurance profession. This program, managed by the Independent Colleges of

Indiana, recently awarded its second round of scholarships to students majoring in business, insurance or another insurance-related field. The 2008 recipients of \$1,500 scholarships included **Lindsay Pryor**, an entrepreneurial/small business major from Sheridan, Ind. She was selected by a review panel of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance representatives.

- The Huntington University Forester Lecture Series continues Feb. 12 with Dr. Martin Thomas. The event will be held at 9 p.m. in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. The lecture will focus on the process of French decolonization in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Thomas is professor of colonial history at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom. He has written extensively on the French colonial empire and decolonization.



Dr. Martin Thomas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11 W Basketball/7 pm (H)	12 HU Chamber Trio/ 7:30 pm FLS: Dr. Martin Thomas/9 pm	13 Divine Hours/11 am	14 Track & Field/ 11 am (A) W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H)
15	16	17 M Basketball/7 pm (A)	18 W Basketball/7 pm (H)	19	20 Divine Hours/11 am Track & Field/ 4 pm (A)	21 W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H)
22	23	24 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	25 M Basketball/7 pm (A)	26 Baseball/2 pm (A) FLS: Stephen M. Nolt/ 7 pm	27 Divine Hours/11 am Baseball/1 pm (A)	28 Baseball/noon (A) Rhythm in Shoes/ 7:30 pm
1	2 FLS: Dr. Paul E. Michelson/7 pm	3 Baseball/1 pm (A)	4	5 Track & Field/ TBA (A)	6 Divine Hours/11 am Baseball/1 pm (A) Track & Field/ TBA (A)	7 Baseball/1 pm (A) Track & Field/ TBA (A)
8	9	10 Baseball/1 pm (A)	11 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am Softball/3:30 pm (A) Student Recital/4 pm	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit http://my.huntington.edu.</i>		

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

Over January Term, I was struck again with the importance of “Christ-centered higher education.” We use the phrase “all truth is God’s truth” quite often on campus. It is an expression which I first encountered in Arthur Holmes’ seminal book, “The Idea of a Christian College.” We still use that book in our University Life class, a class required of all first-year students. The idea that all truth is God’s truth gives us an incredible confidence to explore ideas, theories, and thoughts, not being fearful of what we might find. Unfortunately, there are times when we grow fearful of what we might find in our explorations. We may even begin to think that we need to protect God since what we may discover may seem incongruent with what we already know. Somehow it’s up to us “to make things fit” with what we have been taught before, even if our discoveries no longer fit.

A classic example of this kind of “truth discovery” and “tension-filled learning” is found in Galileo’s own discovery that the earth truly did revolve around the sun rather than, as was believed at that time, that the sun revolved around the earth. In other words, Galileo sided with the more recently-discovered Copernican theory, even though the powers of Galileo’s day – including the Church – sided with the older theories of Aristotle and Ptolemy. Galileo suffered deeply for standing up for a new truth that power opposed. It wasn’t long after Galileo’s own death that his work was published and his

theory vindicated.

I was reminded again of the wisdom embedded in the words, “Answers divide and questions unite.” When we who are committed to truth and discovery probe and ask questions, we often find that we are on the same quest. There is an eagerness to learn from each other. But when we declare that we have “the answer,” we must be prepared to defend our knowledge or belief against all opposition. We may, as well, try to preclude further investigation. Answers tend to limit our possibilities, whereas questions afford us new avenues and opportunities.

The story of the five blind men trying to describe an elephant comes to mind. Each of us holds on to truth — as we understand it — and the elephant comes to be defined by what each of us feels. So, the person who has defined the elephant by its trunk has limited information, even though it is true. And the person who describes an elephant by the size of its legs, is also limited. Yet, when each person shares what he or she has experienced and asks another what the other has experienced, only then do we begin to understand the enormity of the animal and the complexity of truth.

The belief that God has limited himself to one perspective seems, to some of us, incredibly narrow. God is, I would suggest, all that any one of us can imagine — and more! Much more!



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

So, as students focus on various propositions and consider, perhaps for the very first time, a variety of perspectives, we want to come alongside them and gently nudge them to probe deeper and more broadly. We also want them to ask questions and to turn over every possible stone lying before them and for a deeper understanding. After all, we trust that all truth is God’s truth, and God will lead the honest seeker back to the source of all truth.

Please join me in hoping that, as we start a new semester, our students and faculty will have the opportunity to learn some new things about the world, their walk with Christ, and humanity.