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Spotlight on Film Studies and Digital Video Cinema

Film studies students at Huntington University explore movies and documentaries from both sides of the silver screen -- by critiquing what others have produced and by producing films that others will watch.

As a Christian college, Huntington University helps students practice faith-informed thinking about this enormously popular and pervasive form of storytelling in our society.

Students can choose to major in two concentrations: film studies and digital video cinema. For those interested in animation, Huntington also offers a major in digital media arts.

Through classes, practicums and studio work, students gain the practical experience needed for entering a career in films. They also have an opportunity to participate in the Los Angeles Film Studies semester option.

For more information about the Huntington University film studies and digital video cinema programs, log on to www.huntington.edu/film. The site also features samples of student work.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! NERO!

At Huntington University, film studies majors Jason Eberly ('10) and Nathan Hartman ('10) tell their stories.

"In one semester, I created a 20-minute film using high definition cameras, the best local locations, and the newest in editing software as a sophomore," Nathan said. "Those are the opportunities available to Huntington University students with very little in-class film training."

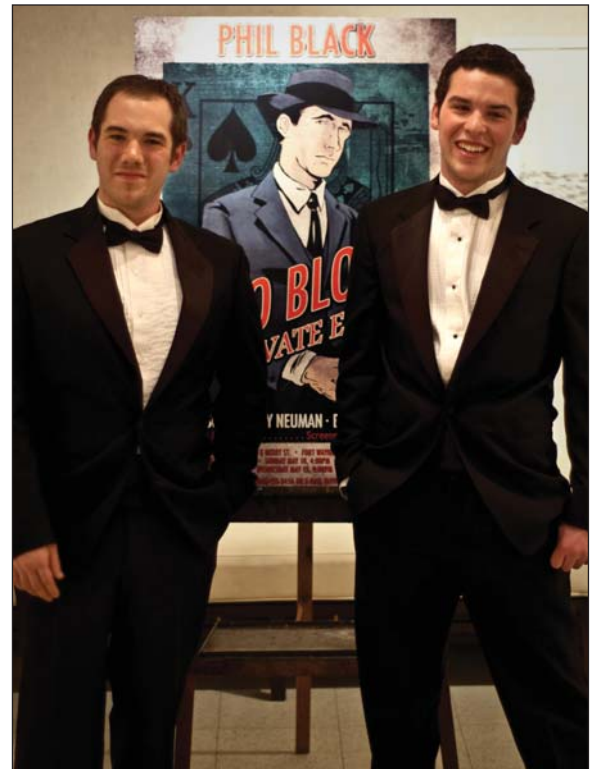
Jason particularly appreciates earning a liberal arts degree as opposed to just training in filmmaking.

"Unlike other film schools that cannot give me a college degree, HU has helped me develop a solid understanding of the entire communication field," he said.

Both are grateful for the tools at their disposal. "Huntington has amazing equipment that is always available to students," Jason said. "We, in turn, use these resources to create professional projects that will help prepare us for experiences after we graduate."

One of those projects was "Nero Bloom: Private Eye," a 45-minute film by Jason and Nathan that premiered at Cinema Center in Fort Wayne, Ind., with red-carpet festivities and a reception at Artlink. "After Hours," a short film by Jason, Nathan and fellow Huntington student Alicia Bonham, was shown with "Nero Bloom." "After Hours" showcased the dancing talent of Evan Kasprzak, currently a top six finalist on season five of FOX's "So You Think You Can Dance." Both projects are being entered in film festivals.

When Nathan looked for a university where he could focus his passion, Huntington's distinctives set it apart. "For one, film studies is not exactly a



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field many Christian universities have. When I was deciding where to go, I did a lot of looking around and nobody, both technically or conceptually, even came close to Huntington and the standards the university has set for the department."

Film has given Jason an avenue to share his faith. "At HU, I have learned that my art—explicitly Christian or not—is a powerful representation of my beliefs," he said. "Film is the definitive medium of our time."

For more about "Nero Bloom," log on to www.nerobloom.com. To watch "After Hours," visit www.vimeo.com/4793293. □

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Dr. Jerry Davis, director of the graduate counseling program, was the keynote speaker at the United Brethren Youth Pastors Summit in Daytona Beach, Fla. The event took place May 4-7 and was hosted by the United Brethren in Christ Church in Holly Hill, Fla. Davis' presentations focused on the theme "guarding your heart" from Proverbs 4:20-27. Realizing the importance of youth pastors taking care of their inner life, Davis emphasized practicing the spiritual disciplines, renewing one's mind and managing one's stress. Considerable time also was given to responding to the counseling needs that are arising in their ministry settings. Davis is a frequent speaker at leadership, men's and marriage retreats.

In addition, Davis served as "counselor in residence" for the Youth for Christ Institute on June 1-5. He provided counseling and consulting to new professionals who attended the YFC conference. This arrangement was planned by **Dr. Dave Rahn**, director of the graduate youth ministry leadership program. While Davis' primary responsibilities are teaching and directing the graduate counseling program, he also maintains a part-time private counseling practice at College Park Church called Grace & Truth Counseling Services.

Dr. Paul Worfel, assistant professor of education, served as a delegate for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education at the Higher Learning Commission's 2009 Annual Meeting on April 18-20 in Chicago. Worfel is the director of academic assessment at the university and also is the NCATE coordinator for the Department of Education.

Dr. Jack Heller, assistant professor of English, has reviewed a book about epitaphs in 16th and 17th century English literature. To read his review, log on to <http://apositions.blogspot.com/2009/05/jack-heller-quoting-death.html>.

Dr. Francis Jones, professor of mathematical sciences; **Dr. Jeff Lehman**, associate professor of computer science; and **Dr. Win Wetherbee**, professor of mathematical sciences, attended the Association for Christians in the Mathematical

Sciences 17th biennial conference at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., on May 27-30. Lehman presented a paper titled "Exploring the Limits of Computing through Exhaustive Search."

Dr. Ron Coffey, vice president for student development, is president-elect of the Huntington Rotary Club. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Prof. Bob Kaehr, director of library services, has written an article titled "What Do Meatpackers & Librarians Have in Common?: Library Related Injuries and Possible Solutions" for *The Christian Librarian*, the journal of the Association of Christian Librarians. It appeared in the 2009, Vol. 52, Nos. 1 & 2 edition. This was the journal's first peer-reviewed issue. 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.

On June 29, the Anchor Room Bookstore hosted a party celebrating the release of "Evangelism Remixed: Empowering Students for Courageous and Contagious Faith." The book, released July 1, is co-authored by **Dr. Dave Rahn**, director of the graduate youth ministry leadership program at Huntington University, and Dr. Terry Linhart, dean of the School of Religion and Philosophy at Bethel College. "Evangelism Remixed" discusses the importance of helping students develop their faith so that they can, in turn, influence others for Christ through their daily lives. The book helps to evaluate a ministry's evangelism effectiveness and offers step-by-step tools to put the principles offered in the book into real-life practice.

On May 27-30, **the Rev. Bob Henry**, assistant director of campus ministries, led a spiritual retreat for the Summer Institute for Campus Ministries (Council for Christian Colleges & Universities conference) on Whidbey Island, Wash. **The Rev. Bill Fisher**, campus pastor, also led an in-depth look at Romans 5-8. Also on July 5-7, Henry attended the "Poets, Prophets, and Preachers: Reclaiming the Art of the Sermon" conference sponsored by Mars Hill Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. The conference featured Rob Bell, Shane Hipps and Peter Rollins.

MERCYME CONCERT

Attaboy to open at Parkview Field

Trinity Communications, Rush Concerts and Huntington University will present MercyMe and Attaboy in concert on Aug. 7 at Parkview Field, home of the Fort Wayne TinCaps.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

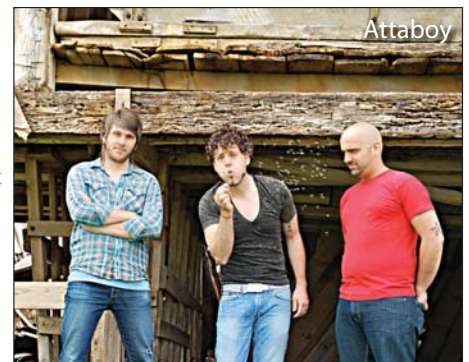
Tickets for ages six and older are \$11 in advance or \$16 at the door and may be purchased at the Anchor Room Bookstore, 4530 Lahmeyer Road, Fort Wayne, or Parkview Field, 1301 Ewing St., Fort Wayne. To purchase tickets by phone or mail, contact Trinity Communications at (260) 484-1029. Tickets also are available through Attaboy's Web site at www.ataboyonline.com/fr_mercymetickets or Trinity Communications Web site at www.trinitycommunications.org/events.



MercyMe received international success with the band's breakout hit single, "I Can Only Imagine," reaching the

fifth spot on the U.S. Adult Contemporary chart, and No. 1 on U.S. Christian radio in 2001. The group followed that success with four additional songs that have hit the top-20 U.S. Adult Contemporary chart and eight that have ranked No. 1 on U.S. Christian radio. MercyMe has received seven Dove Awards since 2002, including Song of the Year for both "I Can Only Imagine" and "Word of God Speak" as well as Artist of the Year and Group of the Year. The group includes Barry Graul and Mike Scheuchzer on guitar, Robby Shaffer on drums, Nathan Cochran on bass, Jim Bryson on keys and Bart Millard on vocals.

Alt-pop band Attaboy is comprised of vocalist/pianist Amos Caley, guitarist Jeff Edgel and bassist Chris Brumbaugh. Caley and Edgel are both



Huntington University alumni, and Brumbaugh is a Huntington, Ind., native. In May, Attaboy released the album, *Shout*. One of the band's singles, "Wait on You," recently was released to Christian radio stations nationwide in June.

Sports Highlights

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

Two Huntington University media guides have received national honors from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-Sports Information Directors Association for the 2008-2009 season. For the sixth year in a row, a Forester media guide won best cover in the country with this year's honors going to women's basketball. The men's guide placed ninth for content in the men's basketball brochure division. This is the eighth time in as many years that Huntington University has received national recognition in the NAIA-SIDA Publications Contest. **Julie Babb**, assistant director for creative services, designed both award-winning covers. **Lori Culler**, sports information director and

Lynette Miller, public relations student assistant, along with Babb were responsible for the content, layout and design of both the men's and women's basketball guides.

The Mid-Central College Conference has released its 2008-09 MCC Academic All-Conference Team. Student-athletes from member institutions who are in their third, fourth, or fifth year of eligibility and achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or greater for the entire academic year are eligible for the award. Huntington University athletes earning 2008-2009 MCC Academic All-Conference honors were **Jarod Hammel, Eric Randel, Keri Badenhop, Brittney Bateman, Ashley**

McCann, Ashley Scally, Kevin Kyle, Geoff Scheetz, Lauren Davenport, Luke Diehl, Nick Johnson, Michelle Kyler, Jill Roughia, Spencer Batt, Ryan Bonner, Daniel Schroeder, Abe Janson, Sam Schoutko, Leah Cressman, Bethany McGraw, Matt Cable, Raelyn Althoff, Kyla Zartman, Whitney Abbot and Kayley Cervenka.



Around Campus

Huntington University soon will add three degree programs to its online offerings. Adult students may pursue an associate degree in organizational management or bachelor's degrees in accounting or business management through the university's online delivery system. The Higher Learning Commission extended the university's accreditation to the new programs on June 25. The first fully online program offered will be the Bachelor of Science in business management with a major in not-for-profit leadership. Although the official launch of this online program will be in January 2010, some online courses leading to this degree are being offered this fall.

Questa Foundation for Education and Huntington University have partnered to establish the Huntington University Questa Scholars Payback Program. The Huntington University Questa Scholars Payback Program will forgive an additional 25 percent of a Questa Scholar's loan balance if the student participates in the 1/2 Back Loan Program and graduates from Huntington University. Questa Foundation sponsors the Questa Scholars 1/2 Back Loan Program that offers qualified Allen County high school students forgiveness of up to 50 percent of their Questa Scholars loan if they graduate from college with a 2.75 grade point average and choose to reside and work in northeast Indiana for at least five years after graduation. The first 11 Huntington University Questa Scholars will enroll this fall.

Huntington University's EXCEL Adult Degree Programs has inducted four students

into the Pinnacle honor society and three students into the Spire honor society. The Pinnacle and Spire honor societies are for those who are non-traditional students at least 23 years of age who have a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average and who have demonstrated leadership through community and/or church involvement. Pinnacle is for those who are either in their last year or graduating from a bachelor's program, and Spire is for those in their last year or graduating from an associate program. Inductees into the Pinnacle honor society include the following: **Josh Barkley, Sharon Bowman, Elizabeth Miller and Terry Miller**. Inductees into the Spire honor society include the following: **Jamie Jenkins, Mike Myers and Deborah VanMeter**.

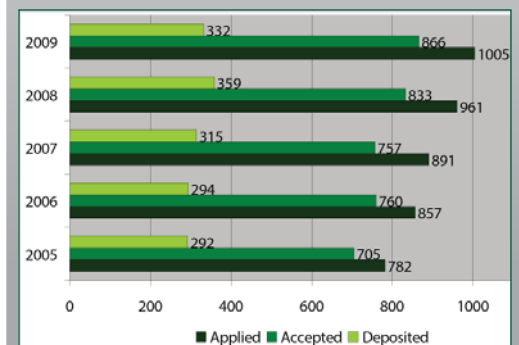
Huntington University's fourth annual Summer Theatre Youth Camp presented "Fiddler on the Roof Jr." on July 25 in the Zucher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Set in the little village of Anatevka, "Fiddler on the Roof Jr." tells the story of a poor dairyman who attempts to stick to the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community while society changes in the growing anti-Semitic climate of Czarist Russia. This production was the culmination of four weeks of rehearsals by 47 campers under the direction of **David and Kristi Shamburger**, former faculty in Huntington University's Department of Theatre Arts. The camp is open to all students entering grades kindergarten through 12.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The 2008-2009 gift year was a source of great inspiration and blessing to the Advancement staff and the university as a whole. While unrestricted gifts decreased 6 percent from last year, total gift income increased 126 percent, thanks in large part to three generous estate gifts. Including estate gifts of nearly \$3.5 million, the university raised a total of \$6.78 million this past fiscal year. Also, HU employees increased their unrestricted giving by 3 percent over last year to its highest level in five years; the total number of donors increased over last year, and finally, parent and friend giving increased over 2008-2009.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

The chart below 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.



The cast of "Fiddler on the Roof Jr."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

Last month, I announced that Huntington University had formed a strategic alliance with award-winning Christian radio station Star 88.3 WLAB-FM. Star 88.3's mission is to reach Fort Wayne and the surrounding counties, bringing "uplifting and encouraging" music to thousands of families every day. Likewise, as a Christ-centered institution, the university seeks to impact the world for Christ, a mission carried out by our faculty, staff, students and alumni.

I am excited about the opportunities this new alliance will create for students. Our communication and broadcasting students will have the chance to learn from professionals through internships and practicums. The campus radio station, The FUSE 105.5 FM, will likewise receive support and advice from both Star 88.3's

staff and national consultants. Our student volunteers working with the Joe Mertz Center will benefit from Star's commitment to serving the Fort Wayne area. While the JMC already has volunteer programs in Fort Wayne, this alliance will extend its outreach efforts. In addition, our connection to Star 88.3 opens up the possibility of concerts on and off-campus featuring well-known Christian recording artists.

The university's partnership with Star Educational Media Network, the new owner of Star 88.3, allows a vital ministry to continue, a ministry that touches 70,000 listeners each week. Just as our focus is on providing, a high-quality, Christ-centered education, Star 88.3 has been recognized for its commitment to high-quality, Christ-centered media. At the Dove Awards ceremony this spring, Star 88.3 was honored as the Gospel Music Association's 2009 Radio Station of the Year. General Manager Melissa Montana also received the Rob Gregory Award for community impact and is a top-rated local radio personality in the Fort Wayne market.

Melissa expressed the mutual benefits of our alliance well: "The staff of Star Educational Media Network feels very blessed to be working in partnership with Huntington University. We believe the relationship to be nothing short of God's direct hand guiding the two organizations to accomplish a greater mission by way of a combined vision and resources. The alliance with Huntington University will benefit our

organization in a multitude of ways beyond the financial support. We could imagine no better organization to be allied with."

I look forward to sharing more about the relationship between HU and Star 88.3 later this fall, after the sale of the station to Star Educational Media Network is finalized, and the FCC approves transfer of the broadcasting license to this new not-for-profit organization.

The leadership of Huntington University is continually seeking out partners with whom we can establish mutually beneficial relationships – organizations with strong missions that have a significant impact on the community and the potential to positively affect our students. Through these connections, our students may secure internships or even jobs. Our students' lives will be changed and their faith strengthened through new opportunities to serve in the community alongside our partners. As an institution, our willingness to partner with others of like-mind and mission furthers our own mission to impact our world for Christ.

In Philippians 1:4-5, Paul wrote, "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." I, too, am grateful for our ministry partners, including Star 88.3. As we foster this alliance and forge others, I am excited to see God at work in these new relationships.

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August campus calendar						1
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9	10 Final Payment Due Dr. Terrell Peace Education Alumni Gathering, 7 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Men's Alumni Soccer Game, 3 pm
23	24	25 Faculty Workshop	26	27	28 New Student Orientation	29 New Student Orientation
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