

ACADEME

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For the love of teaching

EDUCATION DEPT. OVERVIEW

Programs:

- Elementary Education
- Special Education
- Secondary Education
 - Middle school*
 - language arts, math, social studies
 - High school*
 - art, biology, business, chemistry, English, math, social studies
- All Grade
 - art, music, physical education/health

Master of Education:

- Elementary Curriculum & Instruction
- Elementary Reading
- Early Adolescent Education
- Adolescent & Young Adult Education

Features:

Accredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; students in classrooms every semester; department equipped with two model classrooms; multi-cultural practicum

Whether it's in conversation with his American Government students, showing his players a skill on the baseball field, or leading young adult Sunday School, Russ Degitz just loves to teach. And as a 2002 graduate of Huntington College with a degree in secondary history education, Russ gets to do what he loves everyday.

Teaching high school classes in Advanced Placement United States History and American Government at Huntington North High School, along with juggling his responsibilities as head varsity baseball coach, Russ keeps a busy schedule. He wouldn't have it any other way.

"I feel as if God called me to be a teacher and to work with young people in general," says Russ, a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a four-year member of the Forester baseball team. "He blessed my life with many gifts to help me in this area, and I am thankful everyday that I have an opportunity to utilize those gifts."

Between teaching, coaching and pursuing his master's degree in Educational Administration, Russ also finds time to lead the "High on Life Club," a drug-free program for students at his school. Russ says that while openly sharing his faith in a public school can be challenging, he is still grateful for the chance to be a positive moral influence in the lives of his students and players. Russ' desire to impact those he teaches comes from the strong example set by his Huntington professors.

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"The professors at Huntington not only talk the talk, but they walk the walk as well," Russ says. "They are open about their faith and it's easy to see through their love for the institution, the students, and in the way they live their lives that they are leading a genuine Christian lifestyle. They showed how an educator can keep a Christian outlook on life without being directly involved in ministry."

While his Huntington professors were sharing their faith, they were also preparing Russ for his future teaching career.

"The history professors filled me with the background information I needed in that content area and the education department did an outstanding job of placing me in real-life teaching situations that were extremely valuable."



Russ Degitz, a 2002 graduate of Huntington College, now teaches at Huntington North High School. He credits his college education for preparing him to educate his students while setting strong, Christian examples that will impact the lives of an up and coming generation.

Russ encourages students interested in history education to take full advantage of the professors from whom they have the opportunity to learn. Referring to Dr. Brautigam, Dr. Michelson and Dr. Webb as the "three amigos," Russ says they are the most knowledgeable and integrity-filled individuals that he has known and "wouldn't trade my experience in the history department for anything."

By attending a smaller institution such as Huntington, Russ developed personal relationships with these professors and his fellow students. "President Dowden knew me by name and the history professors often had students within the department over to their homes," Russ says. "I felt a close bond with nearly every student at the college. Students were friendly and it's nice to say hi to someone as you walk by, even though you may not know their name."

And through developing those relationships, Russ met some of the most important people in his life. "I met my wife at college, established long-lasting friendships and discovered role-models among my baseball coaches during my time there," Russ says. "For that I am extremely thankful, and I am proud to be an alum of Huntington!"

Faculty/Staff News & Notes



Before retiring in May, Dr. Marlene Schleiffer will conduct her final concert on April 15.

her final concert as Director of the Wind Ensemble on Friday, April 15, 2005.

• On April 15, **Dr. Terrell Peace**, professor of education, will attend a banquet honoring Indiana's Outstanding Future Educators, which will recognize student teachers who show outstanding promise in the classroom. Honorees from Huntington include **Jami Fusselman** (math education), **Christina Watson** (choral music education), **Kyleigh Gast** (elementary special education), and **Brooke Fultz** (elementary education).

• After 32 years of service in the Music Department at Huntington College, **Dr. Marlene Schleiffer**, professor of instrumental studies and musicology, will retire in May. In celebration of her service to the College, a special spring concert will showcase Schleiffer as she conducts

• **Dr. Lance Clark**, assistant professor of communications, recently presented a two-session workshop at the University of Indianapolis for the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters high school broadcasting competition and conference. Over 150 students attended his workshop, "Understanding Filmmaking in a Broadcast Age," which covered topics such as story forming, aspect ratio, crossing the vector line and influences of filmmaking on broadcast news.

• **Dr. Patrick Eggleton**, associate professor of mathematics education, provided a teacher inservice training for the teachers at Triton Middle School in Shelby County, Ind. In addition, Eggleton recently presented two sessions at the T³ Conference (Teachers Teaching with Technology, sponsored by Texas Instruments) in Washington, D.C.

• **Dr. Stephen Holtrop** was named Associate Dean for Graduate and Adult Studies, a position which expands his current oversight of campus assessment and accreditation initiatives to include work with restructuring and marketing graduate and adult programs on campus.

• **Dr. Dave Rahn**, professor of educational ministries, led his National Ministries team in a keynote presenta-

tion at Youth for Christ's annual staff and board conference in Daytona Beach from February 22-24. He also has developed and launched a leadership development program for the Fort Wayne New Covenant Worship Center.

• **Dr. John Sanders**, research professor of philosophy and religion, presented "Open Theism in Conversation with Reformed Theology" at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., on March 22.

• **Dr. Evelyn Priddy**, professor of education, and **Professor Kathy Turner**, instructor in education, worked with the Historic Forks of the Wabash to develop curriculum for a traveling trunk of artifacts that will go to local third-grade classrooms. They will present the curriculum to the Heritage Guild on April 19.

• The Huntington College Peer Award has been passed on to two new individuals for the month of April. **Dr. Paul Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, received the award from **Dr. John Sanders**, research professor of philosophy and religion. **Mrs. Pat Jones**, assistant in Library Services at RichLyn Library, received the award from **Mrs. Becky Lyons**, bookkeeper in the Business Office.

Enterprise Resource Center Sheets Museum Collaboration



Organization: Sheets Museum

Location: Huntington, Ind.

Classes involved:
Elementary Education's Science Methods & Materials; Theatre Arts' Scene Painting

Instructors: Susan Burson, instructor in education; Mike Burnett, assistant professor of theatre

Museum Opening:
Mid-May 2005

An eleven-foot polar bear. A ten-foot Bengal tiger from India. A world record black marlin, caught in the Great Barrier Reef off the Australian coast. These are just three of the nearly two hundred species of animals and fish that visitors can expect to see at the new Sumner B. Sheets Museum of Wildlife and Marine Exhibits in Huntington. Set to open in mid-May, the museum showcases the wildlife collection of long-time hunter, farmer and Huntington County resident Sumner Sheets. And in the process of building the new museum, several Huntington College education and theatre majors have offered their expertise and resources to enhance each visitor's experience.

The museum will showcase a 54-seat theatre, gift shop, children's activity area and animal exhibits from Sheets' collection. The project was aided by the campus community. Huntington College staff, faculty and students contributed everything from fundraising advice to video production.

This semester the Huntington College theatre and education departments made a lasting contribution to the Sheets Museum in the form of murals, research information and lesson plans. Through the College's Enterprise Resource Center, the Sheets Museum made the connection with these classes. It turns out the timing was perfect.

The Theatre Department's Scene Painting class, only offered every other year, has eight students who are currently putting their talents to work on murals for the museum walls. Five murals highlighting scenes of everything from the South

American jungle to Canadian fishing will form a backdrop for the animal exhibits.

Mike Burnett, assistant professor of theatre, says the similar techniques between painting murals and scenery made it a good fit. "It's a realized project with a certain amount of pride going into it," he says. "It's for the opening of a museum, knowing your work will be there for years to come. It also makes good portfolio pieces for theatre-design students."

Along with the murals, Huntington College students contributed research information and lesson plans. Forty-one elementary education majors in the Elementary Education Science Methods and Materials class developed 120 lesson plans created around state education standards. Their curriculum provides specific information about the museum animals and the habitats in which they lived.

Professor Susan Burson plans to continue the project with future classes, hoping to eventually have lesson plans developed for every animal appropriate for students from kindergarten through the sixth grade. She also envisions publishing the lesson plans in a user's guide to the museum that classroom teachers can use.

Once open, the Sheets Museum hours will be Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. For more information call 356-WILD or visit www.wildlifemuseum.org.

Sports Highlights

All-Americans: The NAIA recently announced its national basketball honors for the 2004-05 season. Forester newcomer Alex Kock was named to the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball Second Team while teammate Kyle Ganton was recognized as an honorable mention. In addition, three winter sport athletes recently earned the highest academic honor, the All-America Scholar Athlete award. For the 2004-2005 winter season, basketball players Adam Bontreger, Betsey Bean and Jamie Grogg earned the prestigious honor.

Baseball: The Foresters are currently 9-15 overall and 4-4 in MCC action. Senior Brian Porter leads the team in batting with a .419 average with 26 hits. Andy Janzen is at the top in RBI with 11.

Softball: Senior Kaley Fode and sophomore Kendra Stahl lead the batting attack for the Foresters this season, who are currently 3-18. Fode leads in batting average while Stahl tops the team with 13 hits on the season.

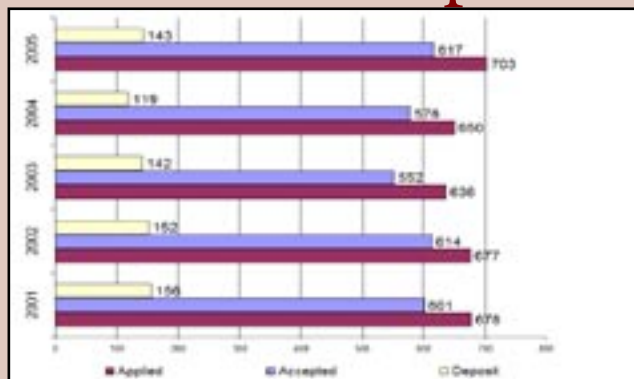
Track & Field: The Foresters recently competed at the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships and came away with outstanding performances including Joel Sanders, who placed second and qualified to the national meet in the 800 meters. Strong performances also came with David St. Louis in the 3000 meter Steeplechase (4th); Cody Hannie in the 1500 meters (5th), Brittany Fillman in the 400 meters (4th); Christi Shook in the 800 meters (7th), and the women's 4x400 relay (7th).

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



Senior Kaley Fode is key to the Forester softball team at short-stop. In addition, she leads the team in batting average.

Admissions Update



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington College for the fall 2005 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

Advancement News

Advancement Officer Col. (ret) Perry Collins has become the Director of the EXCEL Program, heading the effort to further the adult program in other areas in Northeast Indiana, in addition to expanding enrollment here in Huntington.

Receipts from the 2005 spring phonathon continue to come in, and to date, \$60,969.00 has been received with 464 pledges representing \$40,743.00 still outstanding.

Around Campus.....

- Huntington College hosted the Indiana Supreme Court for its oral arguments on Wednesday, April 6. "The Supreme Court is pleased to be asked to visit Huntington. My colleagues and I feel it is important for us to travel to other parts of the state so people can get a first hand look at how our courts work," Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard said.

- The Education Department's Science Methods and Materials class took part in Project Wild, an interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife. The workshop was led by facilitators from the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center. The class also planned and implemented Discovery Centers, which provided hands-on learning experiences for first and fifth grade students at Northwest Elementary. Over one hundred children participated in these events. In addition, two students from this class collaborated with the County Extension Office to provide visual displays for the annual AG Day. Posters were created to identify products provided by local farmers.

- Thanks to Huntington College business students, a young girl from Burkina Fasso will receive funding through Compassion International. Sweet Satisfaction, the student-run vending machine company, began funding a child named Ida through Compassion earlier this year and plans to continue to fund her in the future.

- The Huntington College chapter of Alpha Chi was selected for the tenth consecutive year as one of Alpha Chi's Star Chapters. They are only one of six chapters

that has won the award every year since its inception. In addition, **Rebekah Nimitz** was awarded one of the organization's Nolle Scholarships for 2005-06.

- Patrick Burton**, a middle school science education major, presented a science demonstration and activities to a local scout troop, which resulted in the scouts earning their Scientist Badge.

- Rachel Rhine**, a senior graphic design major, recently received the "Wilson Purchase Award" at HC's 15th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit, held in the Robert E. Wilson Gallery. "Best of Show" was awarded to **Sarah Clifford**, a junior fine arts major. First, second, and third place overall went to **Ben Hopper**, **Nuria Bagley**, and **Kala Parthemore**, respectively. Outstanding Achievements were awarded in specific divisions to **Trista Watson**, **Ashleigh Lewis**, **Amanda Reed**, **Cameron Catellier**, **Greg Wardwell**, **Sarah Clifford**, and **Joel Sabillion**.

- While many college students take advantage of the country's sunnier regions for their own enjoyment during Spring Break, several Huntington College stu-

dents and staff invested their week away from campus serving others. Five service-oriented Spring Break trips were sponsored by the College. Destinations included Haiti, Jamaica, Atlanta, Boston, and Morgantown, W.V.

- The Education Department's Diagnostic and Corrective Reading class worked with teachers at Lincoln Elementary School to help with the administration of individual reading assessments.



Neil Rupp was a member of the Student Admissions Staff spring break mission trip to Haiti. The team of nine completed several service-oriented projects and spent time at medical clinics and orphanages.

Campus Calendar

April/May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			13 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Advising/8 am Math Competition/10 am Golf/11 am (A) M Tennis/4 pm (H)	14 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Advising/8 am Baseball/1 pm (A) Softball/3 pm (H) W Tennis/4:30 pm (A)	15 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Advising/8 am Art exhibit opens/9 am Schleiffer Concert/ 7:30 pm	16 Track & Field/11 am (A) Baseball/1 pm (H) Softball/1 pm (A) M Tennis/1 pm (A) Art reception/6 pm Senior Recital/7:30 pm Guerilla Theatre/9 pm
17	18 Golf/9 am (H)	19 Softball/3 pm (A) W Tennis/3 pm (A) Baseball/4 pm (H)	20	21 Board of Trustees/8 am M Tennis/3 pm (A) Baseball/4 pm (H)	22 Board of Trustees/8 am Golf/9 am (A) Softball/3 pm (H) Concerto Winners Concert/7:30 pm	23 Golf/9 am (A) Track & Field/11 am (A) Baseball/1 pm (A) M Tennis/1 pm (H) Senior Recital/7:30 pm
24 NCATE visit/8 am	25 NCATE visit/8 am Softball/3 pm (H)	26 NCATE visit/8 am Baseball/1:30 pm (A)	27 NCATE visit/8 am Softball/3 pm (H) Concert Series/ 4:30 pm	28 Baseball/4 pm (H) Softball/4 pm (A) One-Act Plays/7:30 pm	29 Golf/9 am (A) Track & Field/4pm (A) One-Act Plays/7:30 pm	30 Golf/9 am (A) Track & Field/12 pm (A) Baseball/1 pm (A) One-Act Plays/7:30 pm
1	2 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Baseball/5:30 pm (A)	3 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Forester Night/7 pm	4 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Softball/TBA (A)	5 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Baseball/TBA (A) Sr. Theatre Project/ 9 pm	6 Final Day of Classes CLEP/DANTES/8 am Sr. Theatre Project/ 9 pm	7
8	9 Semester Exams/8 am	10 Semester Exams/8 am Appreciation Dinner/ 6 pm	11 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am Semester Exams/8 am Baseball/TBA (A)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

From the Interim President's Desk

It has been my privilege to serve as Interim President during Dr. Blair Dowden's much-deserved sabbatical this spring. As I reflect on my tenure in the President's Office, I am struck by the complexity of the job. The President must continually take the pulse of every area on and off campus.

I am impressed with the administrators and staff that report to our President. Each of these individuals is incredibly competent and keeps the President informed of anything and everything. I have learned that the President must be comfortable with autonomy, must trust his staff to make good decisions, and at times must tolerate a degree of ambiguity. You can't do this job alone. The President must be able to trust the ability of others and support their decisions.

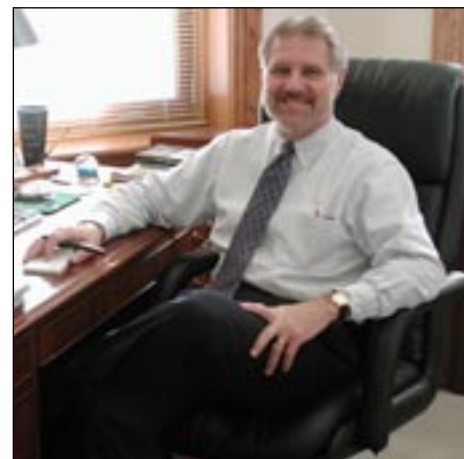
It has been a busy two months. We have hired two faculty members for our new Digital Media Arts program and one professor for Worship Leadership. We have interviewed faculty for positions in Instrumental Music Education and Exercise Science. A new Director of EXCEL, Mr. Perry Collins, has been hired and we have started restructuring graduate and adult studies. A nursing feasibility study has been completed and a report will be made to the Natural Sciences and Mathematics division on April 15. We have launched on-line course registration, which will expedite the advising and registration process. We have completed

the self-study process for teacher education accreditation in anticipation of a site visit by NCATE on April 25-27. An anonymous donor has given the College a gift of property valued at close to one million dollars. The gift will endow student scholarships.

Serving as both dean and president this spring has been both rewarding and challenging. I am anxiously looking forward to the return of Dr. Dowden and getting back to the work of the Academic Dean's Office.

Spring Break provided a refreshing change. I traveled to Jamaica with 13 students, another colleague from Huntington College and a good friend from Christian Service International (CSI). This was my fourteenth Spring Break service trip and again I was impressed with the quality and commitment of Huntington College students. HC students interacted with teachers and boys at Muriton Boy's Home. They shared their faith, worked hard, and used their talents and abilities for God's glory.

In the midst of my incredibly busy spring semester, it was great to immerse myself into this work and plug into the lives of students. They ministered to me in so many ways, but I was most impressed with how they handled their responsibilities — whether it was painting, playing with kids, or helping to clean up. The late-night conversations were intense and personal, and yet there were also times



Dr. Norris Friesen
Interim President and Dean of the College

when we played and joked around. Students shared how God has impacted their lives and how He continues to work in their lives.

The experience has put everything we do into perspective. Working, sweating, and serving alongside our students gave me fresh understanding of our mission, "to impact the world for Christ."