

# Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



## CALCULATED STEPS TO SUCCESS

### DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Huntington University's Department of Mathematics offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Science and Bachelor of Science degrees. Major concentrations are available in mathematics, math education and computer science. Huntington also offers a minor in computer science, as well as a minor in management information systems.

Huntington's programs in the mathematical sciences help students prepare for a wide variety of careers requiring problem solving, logical reasoning and the application of modern technology.

At Huntington, students experience the individual attention normally associated with small liberal arts colleges with the educational opportunities and research-active faculty normally found only at major universities.

Students are taught in a new, state-of-the-art facility built for the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences. Opened in 2002, the new learning center added to the already remarkable resources available for the study of mathematics.

With two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree under his belt, Ben Eggleston took calculated steps that added up to a successful career as an auditor with Crowe Chizek, one of the top 10 public accounting and consulting firms in the United States.

In 2004, Ben earned Bachelor of Science degrees in both mathematics and accounting from Huntington University. He continued his education at Indiana University, graduating with a Master of Arts in mathematical finance in 2006.

"I felt that I was very prepared for my master's program," Ben says. "Huntington University gave me the academic background necessary to continue my studies in mathematics."

Practical experiences Ben gained through his college career helped him build a strong foundation for his present position. In the summer before his senior year at Huntington, he completed an internship with Lincoln Financial Group in Fort Wayne, Ind., a diverse family of companies that offers a broad range of financial services.

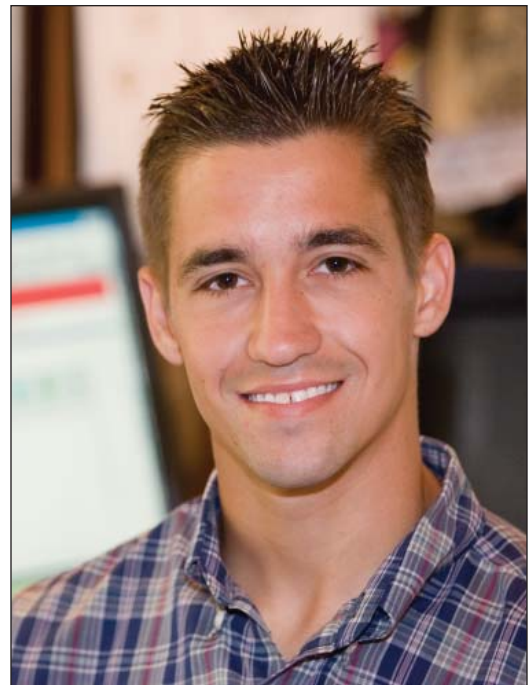
In addition to equipping him for further study and career success, Huntington's professors gave Ben solid role models for his position as an associate instructor at Indiana University where he taught algebra and tutored.

"Since I taught while I pursued my master's, I tried to mimic what the professors at Huntington University did while I was there," Ben says. "They seemed genuinely concerned with their students' well-being, and I tried to do the same for my students."

Through his time at Indiana University, Ben became more aware of the Huntington difference.

"Being at Huntington allowed me to grow as a person in many areas," he says. "At bigger state universities, a person normally just grows academically and socially. At HU, however, I was able to grow spiritually in addition to athletically, academically and socially. Also, the professors, faculty and fellow students genuinely cared about each other, and this meant a great deal to me."

Ben believes attending Huntington strengthened his faith



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through the support he felt from fellow Christians – both his classmates and his professors.

"My professors helped me to see that academics and Christianity do not have to be separate," Ben says. "Everything can be studied and still be viewed through Christian eyes. Studying math and science does not make someone any more or any less of a Christian. It's all in how it is approached."

Ben encourages anyone interested in pursuing a degree in mathematics and building a strong relationship with Christ to consider Huntington.

"As students, we were held to a higher standard than just your average university," he says. "It was great preparation and education. Huntington truly invests in you."

# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• Huntington University has appointed **Prof. Margaret Winter** as the director for the new Department of Nursing. She will begin her position in the fall of 2007.

For six years, Winter

has served in the Olivet Nazarene University Department of Nursing where she teaches in both the undergraduate traditional program and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion tract. Her specialty area is obstetrics, though she also teaches transcultural nursing and supervises pediatric clinicals. Winter holds a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Illinois and a Master of Science degree in nursing from Northern Illinois University. She is a doctoral candidate at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

• **Mr. Bill Fisher**, dean of Christian faith & life, has been recognized with the 2007 Dana Walling Award for Excellence in Campus Ministry. He is the fourth recipient of the honor. Fisher is a former chair of the Commission for

Campus Ministry Directors and an active auditor of institutions belonging to the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities with regard to their spiritual formation.

• **Prof. Bryan Ballinger**, assistant professor of digital media arts, has been accepted into “d’artiste: Character Modeling 2,” a definitive 3-D character tutorial book showcasing the work and technical skills of master artists.

• **Dr. Pat Zezula**, professor of physical education, and **Prof. Connie Updike**, assistant professor of recreation management, attended a higher education and professional preparation conference for physical education and health professionals from Indiana on Feb. 8-9 at McCormick’s Creek State Park. Zezula facilitated meetings and discussions regarding the newly adapted physical education state standards. Eighteen colleges and universities were involved in the meeting along with representatives from the Indiana Department of Education.

• **Dr. Patrick Eggleton**, associate professor of mathematics education, presented the workshop “Data Sharing and Calculator Programs to Enhance Statistics” at the 19th Annual

International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics held in Boston, Feb. 15-18. His workshop shared graphing calculator techniques used in his Huntington University classes for developing basic statistical concepts and skills. The ICTCM conference draws collegiate mathematics instructors from around the world to learn the latest uses of technology for the mathematics classroom.

• Huntington University will host a Visiting Executive Seminar on March 30 at 8:45 a.m. in the Habecker Dining Commons. The seminar provides an opportunity for business leaders and Huntington University business students to discuss important issues in today’s business world. Led by **Prof. Jim O’Donnell**, associate professor of business, and **Dr. G. Blair Dowden**, president of the university, this seminar will focus on the topic of executive pay.

• **Dr. Bob Myers**, assistant professor of worship leadership, will present the seminar “Honoring the Hymns: Helping Traditional Songs Come Alive for Contemporary Congregations” at 4:30 p.m. on March 27 in room 150 of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. This event is free and open to the public.

## YMCA pool notes



• The YMCA will provide free access to its swimming pool facilities for recreational use by students and employees of the university, for aquatics classes offered as part of the regular curriculum of the university, and for recreational use by participants in summer conferences held at the university for 10 years following the opening of the pool facilities.

• In addition, Huntington University will extend a discount off its regular member rates to members of the Huntington YMCA for recreational use of facilities at the MCPER, and the YMCA will extend a discount off its regular member rates to those holding MCPER memberships for recreational use of YMCA facilities. The discounts will be determined annually.

## PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS POOLS

### *Huntington University pledges \$250,000 to YMCA*

Huntington University has pledged \$250,000 to the Huntington YMCA for its use in constructing swimming pool facilities in its new building.

“We are very excited to have Huntington University partner with the YMCA as we build our new facility,” said Dan Akeley, executive director of the YMCA. “The participation from the university will enable the YMCA to expand the competitive pool from six lanes to eight lanes as well as increase the size of the warm-water recreational and therapy pool. The larger pools will be able to handle all the additional programming needs that the university currently conducts in their existing pool as well as the YMCA’s needs.”

The YMCA’s new warm-water facility will be called the “Forester Pool” in recognition of the university’s support.

Construction of the new YMCA, to be located adjacent to the university’s campus on the Parkview Huntington Hospital grounds, will begin in the spring of 2007 with completion anticipated in 2008. Once the new YMCA is open, the university will close its pool in the Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation.

“We believe it is prudent to partner with the YMCA to meet the aquatics needs of the university,” said Dr. G. Blair Dowden, president of Huntington University.

“This cooperative agreement will benefit not only the university and the YMCA but also the entire Huntington County community.”

On an annual basis, Huntington University spends approximately \$60,000 to operate its own pool, said Tom Ayers, vice president for business and finance. This includes supplies, chemicals, utilities, routine labor for operations and labor costs of lifeguards but excludes unplanned repairs to pool equipment.

Additionally, the university has identified approximately \$217,000 of near-term repairs needed for the pool and related equipment. These include cleaning and repainting support beams, replacing and/or repairing the pool deck, replacing the filter system, upgrading the temperature controls, and replacing the pool area air handler unit.

“Ignoring for a moment rising utility rates, likely increases in wage rates for lifeguards, and the general impact of inflation on other costs, the university would spend more than \$800,000 on the pool over the next 10 years,” Ayers said.

Akeley said that the university’s partnership puts the YMCA at \$6 million in gifts and pledges toward an overall capital campaign goal of \$8 million.

# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**Basketball:** The men's basketball team made an early departure from the NAIA Tournament with a first-round loss to Florida Memorial University, 64-67, on March 8. The Foresters were the No. 4 seed in the tournament, and this was their seventh trip to Branson, Mo., in eight years.



Men's basketball senior Alex Kock was unanimously voted the Mid-Central Conference's Player of the Year. This is the third consecutive year that Kock has earned this honor.

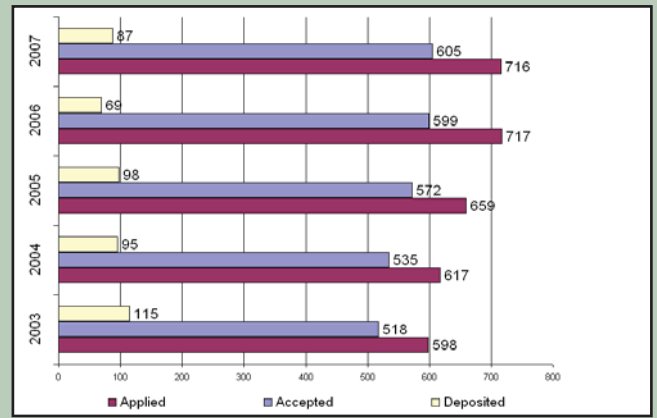
**Track & Field:** Eight Huntington University track and field athletes competed in the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships that were held March 8-10 in Johnson City, Tenn. Sophomore **Lucas Beach** earned his second NAIA All-America honor with his sixth place finish in the shot put. **Cody Hannie, Joel Sanders, Nick Johnson, Jill Roughia, Dan Lindbloom, Bethany McGraw** and **Joseph Njeri** also participated.

**Baseball:** On March 8, the Foresters (2-2) used some timely hitting and solid pitching to up-end #14-ranked Campbellsville University (11-2) 8-4 on the road.

**Tennis:** The men's team dropped the spring season opening match to Alma College 6-3 and then fell 8-1 to Wabash College in the evening match on Feb. 3. The two losses drop the team season record to 4-9. The women start their season on March 19.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit [www.huntington.edu/athletics](http://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 2007 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

## ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The annual Spring Phonathon for student scholarships kicked off on Feb. 19. With more than 30 HU students calling 5,000 alumni and friends, response and success to date has been very encouraging. With a few more households to contact, students have received pledges totaling nearly \$100,000 – an increase of 5 percent over 2006. If your household was called, hopefully you made a gift that in turn helps make a Huntington education more affordable and affordable to more.

## AROUND CAMPUS...

- The Huntington University Board of Trustees has approved a 3 percent increase for full-time undergraduate tuition for 2007-2008. This is the third year for low or no price increases at the Christian liberal arts college. Across the United States, the average tuition and fees at four-year private institutions this year are \$22,218, reflecting an average increase of 5.9 percent over 2005-2006, according to College Board's 2006-2007 annual survey of colleges. Annual tuition at Huntington is currently \$18,420. The 3 percent increase for the 2007-2008 academic year means that a full-time, undergraduate student at Huntington will pay only \$280 more in tuition per semester. Huntington's 3 percent rise in tuition is expected to be one of the lowest increases in the state this year.

- Eleven Huntington University athletes recently were inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, the national honor society that gives recognition to college students who excel in both academics and athletics. Chi Alpha Sigma is a nonprofit organization established to recognize college student athletes who earn a varsity letter in at least one sport while maintaining a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average throughout their junior and senior years. Huntington University students inducted on March 4 included **Keri L. Badenhop, Laura M. Bowman, Ashley F. Buck, Heidi J. Christner, Lauren G. Davenport, Jessica J. Deter, Antoinette M.**

**Feldpausch, Katie M. Sprunger, Stephanie M. Stearns, Amy L. Wanemacher and Rachel B. Warrick.**

- Huntington University freshman **Megan House** has released her first novel, "Passage to Freedom." The 192-page book, aimed at inspiring young adults, tells a story of a Jewish girl and her family escaping from Amsterdam to England during World War II. The story illustrates how the main character, Anya Kaskie, strives to find freedom from the Nazis' rule, but also how she finds freedom within herself as she grows and develops into a young woman. The book is available at major retailers, such as BarnesAndNoble.com, Borders.com and Amazon.com, as well as in the Huntington University campus bookstore.

- Huntington University senior **Daron P. Short** earned a third place award for a digital photograph titled "Storm Clouds" in the Northeast Indiana College Student Exhibition. Short is a graphic design major from Whiteland, Ind. Altogether, 108 pieces of artwork were submitted by 41 students. Forty-three pieces were chosen for exhibition. Works by five Huntington University students were selected. Short, **Greg Wardwall** and **Joshua Watson** presented their photographic works. **Justin Wentz** exhibited a charcoal drawing, and **Trista Watson** presented a clay vessel.

- Six students joined the Zeta Alpha Pi chapter of Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity at an induction ceremony on March 1. The new members are **Kari Badenhop, Patrick Davis, Ben Hopper, Cassie Lehman, Nora Majors and Angela Morgan.**

- Huntington University's HTV 22 News took first place in the 2007 Intercollegiate National Religious Broadcasters TV studio contest. Under the direction of **Dr. Lance Clark**, associate professor of communication, HTV 22 News is the student-produced weekly news magazine covering local news, sports and weather. The award-winning broadcast may be found online at [www.htvnews.net](http://www.htvnews.net). **Todd Stapleton**, a senior broadcasting major from Tipp City, Ohio, is the show's producer, and **Josh Fortney**, a junior broadcasting major from Huntington, Ind., directs the show each week.



| Sunday             | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|                    |   |   | 14<br>All-Area Music<br>Student Recital/4 pm                                   | 15<br>Forum Theatre<br>Project/7:30 pm<br>A Lo Nuestro/9:30 pm   | 16<br>Mid-Semester   | 17<br>Baseball/2 & 6 pm (A)<br>Track/TBA (A)  |
| 18                 | 19<br>Spring Recess<br>Tennis/ 8 am (A)<br>Baseball/10 am (A)<br>Softball/11 am (A) | 20<br>Spring Recess<br>Tennis 8 am (A)<br>Softball/11 am (A)<br>Baseball/4 pm (A)   | 21<br>Spring Recess<br>M Tennis/noon (A)<br>Softball/8:30 am<br>& 1 pm (A)     | 22<br>Spring Recess<br>Baseball/10 am (A)<br>Softball/8:30 am (A)<br>A Lo Nuestro/9:30 pm  | 23<br>Spring Recess<br>Golf/ 8 am (A)<br>Baseball/10 am<br>& 2 pm (A)                      | 24<br>Golf/8 am (A)<br>Baseball/10 am (A)<br>Softball/1 pm (A)                            |
| 25                 | 26<br>CLEP/DANTES/8 am  | 27<br>CLEP/DANTES/8 am<br>Softball/3 pm (A)<br>Baseball/4 pm (H)                    | 28<br>CLEP/DANTES/8 am   | 29<br>CLEP/DANTES/8 am<br>Softball/3 pm (A)<br>Baseball/4 pm (A)<br>A Lo Nuestro/9:30 pm   | 30<br>CLEP/DANTES/8 am<br>W Tennis/9 am (A)<br>M Tennis/4 pm (A)<br>Honors Recital/7:30 pm | 31<br>Golf/7:30 am (A)<br>W Tennis/11 am (A)<br>Track/11 am (A)<br>Base/Softball/1 pm (H) |
| 1<br>Palm Sunday   | 2<br>Advising/9 am  | 3<br>Advising/9 am<br>Softball/3 pm (A)   | 4<br>Advising/9 am   | 5<br>Advising/9 am<br>Softball/3 pm (H)<br>Track/3 pm (A)<br>Baseball/4 pm (H)   | 6<br>Advising/9 am<br>Golf/noon (A)<br>Good Friday Break                                   | 7<br>Base/Softball/1 pm (A)<br>Golf/noon (A)  |
| 8<br>Easter Sunday | 9<br>Easter Monday  | 10<br>Golf/10 am (A)<br>Softball/3 pm (H)<br>Baseball/4 pm (H)<br>M Tennis/4 pm (H) | 11<br>Foundation<br>Breakfast/7:45 am<br>Golf/1 pm (A)<br>Student Recital/4 pm | <i>For a detailed calendar of campus events,<br/>visit <a href="http://www.huntington.edu/calendar">www.huntington.edu/calendar</a>.</i> |  |   |

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

I don't remember when or how I learned to read. It just sort of happened. I am sure the teacher had a strategy she used to teach us how to read. It must have been effective because I learned to read without any difficulty, but I never had that feeling of when the little light clicked on, and I just got it. I do remember, however, when I was learning German that I had several of those "a-ha" experiences. We would memorize vocabulary words and struggle to use them in conversations and in our writing assignments, but for some reason, they were only words on a page. But when I went to Germany to live and work, the words jumped off the page, so to speak. Suddenly, they came to life, and I would find myself amused when I saw a word or a phrase on a billboard, for example, and then realized what it meant. Or when I heard a word that I learned in one context used in another context.

Words also have different meanings in other cultures. For example, we often use the picture language of asking Jesus into our hearts. In some African cultures, people think of the liver or the throat as the seat of emotions and would ask Jesus into their liver. Somehow, it doesn't conjure up the same picture, does it? Or in Jamaica, you would not stand at the door and knock; rather, you would stand at the gate and yell. It would be very rude to go to the door and

knock. I think you get the picture. Words have powerful meanings, but they must be used in a culturally sensitive way.

Students in the same way learn lots of theories, perspectives, facts, and propositions, but they must be applied in order to maximize learning. A chemistry class must provide a laboratory experience to observe firsthand a chemical reaction, and likewise, an art student must be able to experiment with different techniques to accomplish the effect he or she wants. Students in other areas also must find ways to take this knowledge, add to it, invest it, and put it to work.

Dan Clendenin in his weekly newsletter ([journeywithjesus.net](http://journeywithjesus.net)) notes that St. Bonaventure viewed the "scholarly life of the mind can be a sacred calling." Clendenin goes on to comment that St. Bonaventure felt that "reason and knowledge are divine gifts." One significant way we fulfill the greatest commandment, Clendenin notes, is to love God "with all of your mind" (Mark 12:30). But the life of the mind is not what makes us educated. Quoting Henri Nouwen ("Finding My Way Home"), Clendenin states that "What makes us human is not primarily our minds but our hearts; it is not first of all our ability to think which gives us our particular identity in all creation,



Dr. Norris Friesen  
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

but it is our ability to love. It is about the hidden mystery of the primacy of the heart in our true identity as human beings."

Our hope is that our students will take what they are learning and invest it in others through education or social work or science or business. Some students will take what they have learned and invest it in more research, and some will take what they have learned and add to it, experiment with it, and make new and exciting conclusions about our world. God has gifted each of us, and I hope we all use what we are learning for God's glory.