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Environmental Science to graduate first

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 14-15

Board of Trustees

Oct. 14

Opera Workshop

Oct. 18-19

Fall Break

Oct. 23

*MCC Cross Country
MCC Women's Soccer
Barnes senior recital*

Oct. 29

Visiting Executive Seminar

Oct. 30

*MCC Men's Soccer
Rupp senior recital*

Nov. 1

Men's Basketball

Nov. 2

Mozart Requiem

Nov. 4

Focus on Excellence

Nov. 10

Foundation Breakfast

Blue skies, clear waters, fields of green—these illustrations mark the makings of a perfect day. And for senior Jessica Kendall, it marks the perfect field of study at Huntington College. Next May, the College will award to Jessica its first degree in Environmental Science, a program that was established in 2002.

Jessica's interest in God's creation was first sparked by her love and fascination with water. "I've always been amazed by weather and water," says Jessica, a native of Greensburg, Ind. "I used to love to go to the lake or ocean and see massive amounts of water; I was just awestruck by it."

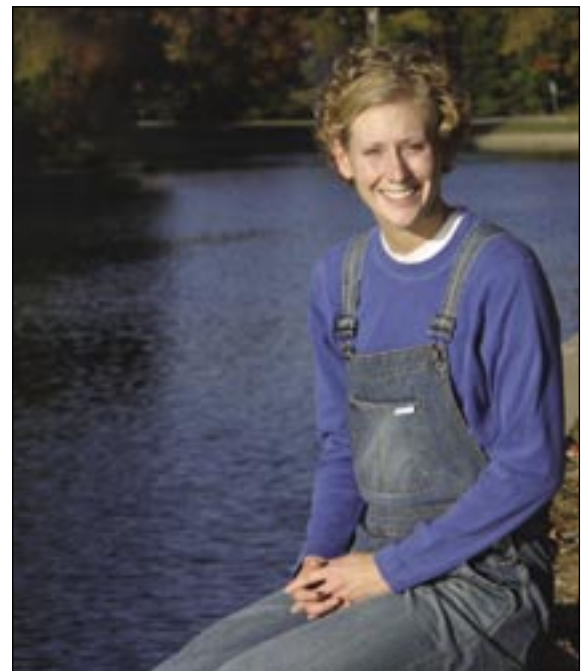
Within the Huntington College environmental science program, students have the choice to focus their studies on public policy or laboratory science. To build a solid science background, Jessica chose the lab option and has since spent extensive time in the biology and chemistry departments. In addition to her classes at Huntington, Jessica took advantage of a summer opportunity to study at Au Sable Institute for Environmental Studies in northwestern Michigan.

As a program sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), Au Sable hosts students from all over the United States and combines quality university education with a focus on the Christian perspective of environmental stewardship.

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In her environmental chemistry course at Au Sable, Jessica recalls how her professor opened the first class by reading from Psalms. "He read the words 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord' and then encouraged us to 'learn chemistry so that this can be realized - that everything with breath can praise God.' It was so amazing. The students and professors there were definitely concerned with God's creation and being creation keepers."

Jessica also took courses in winter stream ecology and limnology, attending lecture for half the day while accomplishing outdoor field work for the other half. Her time at Au Sable will result in receiving her Water Analyst Certificate. She continues to pursue her interest in water this year through an independent study that analyzes the physical and chemical changes in Huntington College's own Lake Sno-Tip.



Jessica Kendall currently conducts a study that analyzes the physical and chemical changes throughout the seasons in Lake Sno-Tip.

Some might think engaging in intense study of the scientific side of nature might seem to downplay the artistic beauty of God's creation. However, for Jessica, her studies have positively impacted her faith and perspective on God's created world. "My faith has become more focused," Jessica says. "I've always been aware of the beauty of creation, but to understand the underlying scientific principles and the intricacies of creation builds on that even more."

As the first environmental science major at Huntington, Jessica has had the honor of pioneering a new program. Earning the nickname "guinea pig" from her biology professors, Jessica says their guidance and support have been invaluable in laying a firm foundation for future study.

"I think that the transition into other classes and programs in my future endeavors will be easier because I have been pushed at Huntington," Jessica says. "I am not always excited that the bar is placed so high, but I am thankful."

Jessica will establish her own high standards after graduation when she plans to earn her RN and focus on gaining a health background. She hopes to someday work as a public health professional, assisting communities that are in need of safe water supplies.

Faculty/Staff News & Notes



Dr. Bruce Evans served on a scientific panel at an event in Ohio.

• **Dr. Bruce Evans**, associate professor of biology, served on a panel with Ohio State Senator Jim Jordan at Shawnee Alliance Church in Lima, Ohio, in September. The church presented scientific evidence for intelligence behind the design of the universe. This event was held as an informative meeting after the Ohio State Board of Education adopted new guidelines in the teaching of “origins science.”

• **Dr. Gary Newton**, professor of educational ministries, conducted research with a number of Huntington College students. Together, they surveyed 15 successful urban ministries to unchurched children throughout the United States and Canada. The results of the research were presented at a National Children’s Conference and published as an article in *The Lutheran Journal of Education*. The findings were also published as a chapter in a recently released book, *Children’s Spirituality*.

• **Dr. John Sanders**, research professor of religion and philosophy, was one of two speakers at the annual conference of the Evangelistic, Educational Ministries organization from September 17-18. The theme of the conference was “Is God to Blame for Evil?” Sanders gave two addresses and devoted a third to answering questions from the audience.

• **Mr. Luke Feters**, assistant professor of ministry and missions, along with ten students, attended the seminar, “Insider Movements: Syncretistic or Scriptural,” as part of the annual meeting of the International Society of Frontier Missiology in St. Louis, Mo., in late September.

• Mathematics students **Jodi Maller, Jared Martin, Kajsa Sites, Dustin Smith, Darren Stroud** and **Eric Throne**, along with professors **Dr. Francis Jones** and **Dr. Win Wetherbee**, recently attended the 32nd Annual Mathematics and Statistics Conference at Miami University (OH).

• **Dr. Tom Bergler**, assistant professor of ministry and missions, recently published an article in *Youthworker Journal*. “Enduring Myths of Youth Ministry” appeared in the September/October 2004 issue.

• **Mr. Jim O’Donnell**, associate professor of business and executive-in-residence, and his wife, Lizzie, were featured in a page-one story in the September 9 edition of *The Wall Street Journal*. Jim and Lizzie also served as guests for a brief heart transplant-related story by WANE/Channel 15 News on September 9. WAJI/Magic 95.1 FM aired taped interviews with Jim and Lizzie in conjunction with the Northeast Indiana Transplant event at the Grand Wayne Center on September 23.

• **Dr. Del Doughty**, associate professor of English, recently published his second poetry collection, *Flow*. He will travel throughout the area this fall to give readings from the book that is published by Red Moon Press (Winchester, Va.).

• **Dr. Dave Rahn**, professor of educational ministries, had his article, “Church for the ‘Unchurched’ Kids: Tackling the cultural gap between church and unchurched kids,” in the September, 2004 edition of *decision* magazine.

• Huntington College welcomes its newest maintenance technician, **Dave Pearson**. Pearson began employment with the College on September 20. He was previously employed with Clounie Landscaping as an irrigation and backflow specialist.



“I treat, God heals”

The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) is currently celebrating Christian Higher Education Month. Of the nominees submitted by 107 member institutions, the CCCCU chose 21 alumni to honor this year – one for each weekday in October. One such alum is Dr. Ronald P. Baker, a 1968 Huntington College graduate. The following CCCCU story is posted on its web site at www.cccu.org/chem

Ron Baker’s childhood memories in Sierra Leone, where his parents were missionaries, will always be marked by one dark moment that

changed his life forever. Coming back from a picnic on a river launch too heavily loaded with children, the top of the craft collapsed and threw Baker into the river. It choked his only brother and killed him, along with four other Africans. Ron was almost 10 years old at the time; his brother Norman not quite 8.

“That had a profound influence on my life,” Baker said. “Maybe subconsciously, my brother’s death impacted my decision to become a doctor.”

While Baker didn’t choose to pursue medicine until his junior year at Huntington College (where his father was president), his high school classmates had already predicted what was to come. “When I graduated from high school in Michigan, the class prophesy was, ‘Ron will go back to Africa as a witch doctor,’” Baker recalls. “They weren’t too far off.”

Baker returned to Africa in 1974, along with his wife Jane, who he had met at Huntington. It was the first of 26 years spent ministering to people’s bodies and souls. In a single year, the Mattru Jong Hospital where he worked treated 35,000 out-patients and 3,500 in-patients and performed more than 650 major surgeries. He is careful, however, not to accept credit for any good that comes from his work.

“I don’t heal anybody,” said Baker. “There’s a good saying on the front of a Kenyan mission hospital: ‘We treat, God heals.’ That’s how I feel. I don’t think I’m anybody. It’s all by God’s grace.”

Now, back in Michigan, Baker still seizes opportunities to share his faith while he’s treating patients. “If I’m talking to a patient and sense that they have a spiritual problem, I’ll ask for permission to share the answer I’ve found in Jesus,” Baker said. “I have opportunities to pray with several patients per day, and sometimes if I can make the time, I can share with them how to know the Lord.” If Baker doesn’t have the time in his schedule to present the gospel, he lets a tract do it for him or he sets up a time to have breakfast or lunch with the patient to discuss it further in person. “Quite a few patients have come to know Christ through that,” he said.

Baker’s wife, Jane, is involved in his clinic’s Christian Support Ministry, a group of volunteers available to counsel or pray with patients for free.

Looking back on his career, Baker’s mind travels back to the river in Sierra Leone that took the life of his brother, and that also, 35 years later, provided transportation for him to reach a woman who desperately needed his medical attention. “I never will understand God’s purpose in the death of my brother, but I think it had something to do with using me to help those people there years later,” he said. “Maybe God won’t give you complete answers to why he allowed something to happen, but sometimes he gives you a little piece to say, ‘I know what I’m doing, you can trust me, I’ll take care of you and I’ll use you to bring glory to my name.’”

Sports Highlights

Women's Soccer: Freshman Sarah Kaufmann received the MCC Player of the Week honor for the week of October 4. She has helped lead the Foresters to a current record of 7-6, including a 3-0 victory over MCC-undefeated Taylor.

Men's Soccer: The Foresters are currently 5-6-1 overall, suffering five of their losses by one goal. Luke Caldwell and Joel Sanders have led the Foresters' scoring throughout the season.

Volleyball: Seniors Jessica Kendall and Jami Fusselman have triggered the Foresters to a four-game winning streak with a 9-11 overall record including a recent, thrilling victory against St. Francis early in the MCC season.

Cross Country: The Foresters hosted its fourth annual E. DeWitt Baker Invitational, coming away with a team victory in the men's race and a runner-up effort on the women's side. Joseph Waithira and Cody Hannie have led the men's team throughout the season, while freshman Brittany Harvey has consistently stepped up for the women.

Tennis: At the MCC Conference Championships, the men's and women's tennis teams each finished sixth overall.

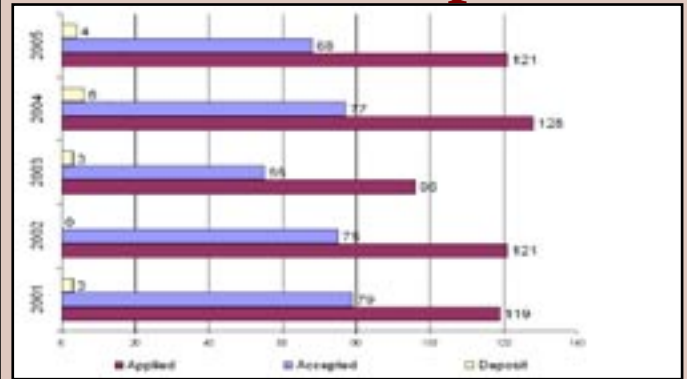
Golf: Playing MCC-championship golf in the fall season for the first time, the Foresters finished sixth in the conference standings. Andrew Porterfield and Jay Tropf led the team throughout the season, with Porterfield earning All-MCC honors.

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



Freshman forward Andrew Wust has been one of several freshmen sparks added to the Forester roster this season.

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.

2004 Enrollment

Huntington College announces a total fall enrollment of 975 students, including 819 undergraduates, 96 students enrolled in the EXCEL Program and 60 students enrolled in the Graduate School of Christian Ministries. The College enrolled 235 new students, including 204 freshmen and 31 transfer students. Included in the freshmen class are 46 Presidential Scholars.

Around Campus.....

- Huntington College welcomed 18 new members into the Indiana Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi in a convocation held on October 1, in the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Students recognized for their superior academics and exceptional character included **Jennifer Amstutz, Holly Banyash, Stephen Boston, Amy Cherry, Jill Clements, Brandon Curtis, Ryan Darr, Jami Fusselman, Ashley Gonterman, Andrew Jackenheimer, Kevin Krauskopf, Anna Lee, Rebakah Nimtz, Emily Padilla, Chad Pryor, Jenna Rodgers, Christine Shook, and Kristi Thompson.**

- Miss JulieAnn Buist**, a 2003 Huntington College graduate, is now enrolled in the Master of Arts degree program in Latin American Studies at The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. Buist was one of 280 new students admitted to the school from 1900 applicants.

- In Homecoming ceremonies, Huntington College Alumni Director **Margaret Roush** announced that **Dawn Rae Smith** was named Alumnus of the Year and that **Lola Lee Peters** received the College's Distinguished Alumni Citation.

- The Huntington College Foundation's Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Mr. Stephen Zahn**, president, CEO and chairman of the board at First Federal Savings Bank in Huntington, at the Foundation's annual dinner.

- The Huntington College Bookstore has recently been brought under new management allowing service to the campus community as well as the local community. The Huntington College Bookstore is operated by family-owned Tree of Life Bookstores, Inc.

- Clean the closets! The annual Huntington College Auxiliary Benefit Garage Sale will be October 22-23. Donations will be accepted at the Huntington College Maintenance Building from 7 a.m. to noon on Friday, October 22. Clean, usable items are to be marked clearly with reasonable prices. (Exception: jeans, slacks, shirts, blouses, and children's clothes need not be marked.) Furniture, household items, small appliances, records, games, books, gardening and yard supplies, fresh plants or produce are especially useful. Unsold items are donated to Shepherd's Closet, the Habitat and the Salvation Army.

- The Huntington College campus radio station, 105.5 FM WQHC, has been accessed by online listeners in the past six months in well over 100 regions/countries. These areas include, but are not limited to, countries located in North,

Central and South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa.

- Dwight Simon** and **Erica Nazareus** were crowned Homecoming King and Queen, respectively. Senior attendants included **Kristyn Bollig, Erin Groth, Laura Petery, Luke Caldwell, Daniel Olson** and **Drew Wutke**. Representing the junior class were **Lara Sprunger** and **Nathan Bucher**. Sophomore representatives included **April Snider** and **Seth Caldwell** while **Megan Crawford** and **Chad Talkington** represented the freshmen class.



Brandon Curtis, being introduced by his chapter sponsor, Professor Jim O'Donnell, was one of 18 students inducted into the Indiana Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi.

Campus Calendar

October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			13 CLEP/DANTES/8 am M Soccer/3:30 pm (H) Volleyball/7:30 pm (H)	14 Board of Trustees/8 am CLEP/DANTES/8 am Wilson Gallery/6 pm Opera Workshop/7:30 pm	15 Board of Trustees/8 am CLEP/DANTES/8 am	16 Volleyball/TBA (A) M Soccer/2:30 pm (A) W Soccer/7:00 pm (A)
17	18 Fall Break	19 Fall Break M Soccer/3:30 pm (H) Volleyball/7:30 pm (A)	20 Math Competition/10 am W Soccer/7 pm (A)	21 Etiquette Dinner/5:30 pm	22 Volleyball/TBA (A)	23 Volleyball/TBA (A) Cross Country/11 am (A) W Soccer/12 pm (A) M Soccer/2:30 pm (H) Senior Recital/3 pm
24	25 Advising/8 am	26 Advising/8 am Math Workshop/7 pm	27 Advising/8 am Student Recital/4:30 pm Volleyball/7:30 pm (A) Study Break/11 pm	28 Advising/8 am	29 Advising/8 am VES/8:30 am Volleyball/6 pm (H)	30 M Soccer/12 pm (A) Senior Recital/3 pm Volleyball/8 pm (H)
31	1 Advising/8 am M Basketball/7 pm (A)	2 Advising/8 am Mozart Requiem/7:30 pm	3 Advising/8 am Volleyball/7:30 pm (A)	4 Advising/8 am Focus on Excellence/8 pm	5 Advising/8 am W Basketball/6 pm (A)	6 Volleyball/10 am (H) Cross Country/11 am (A) W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/7 pm (A) Senior Recital/7:30 pm
7	8 Advising/8 am M Basketball/7 pm (H)	9 Advising/8 am W Basketball/7 pm (H)	10 Advising/8 am M Basketball/7 pm (H) Volleyball/7:30 pm (A)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

From the President's Desk

God has blessed Huntington College and we have much for which to be thankful. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has granted Huntington College continued accreditation for a period of ten years (the longest possible term). Our next comprehensive evaluation will take place during the 2013-2014 academic year.

This is very good news. In addition, Huntington College has been formally approved to offer Master's programs in the additional fields of education and counseling. We also have been authorized to offer academic programs at off-campus sites within an expanded, 100-mile radius. While no additional focused visits will be required, the Higher Learning Commission has asked for a contingency report pending the outcome of the United Brethren Church's decision to join the Missionary Church.

In addition, the Higher Learning Commission team has made several recommendations regarding issues that should be addressed over the next ten years. These include faculty workloads; salary benchmarks; the number of academic departments with only one or two faculty members; the need for formal links between assessment and budgeting; the careful orientation of adjunct faculty; library staffing; and other matters. We want to develop intentional plans to address these issues.

The hard work of Huntington's trustees, faculty, and staff was recognized by the Higher Learning Commission. The

special spirit that pervades our campus prompted one HLC consultant-evaluator to make the following comment: "We knew before coming to Huntington how much the College had accomplished in the past ten years, but it was not until we arrived on campus that we fully realized the integrity of the administration, the dedication of the faculty and staff, and the enthusiasm of the students."

The report of the HLC visit team emphasized the College's strengths. The following are some of the statements made about the institution:

- Faculty, students, administrators, Board, and staff share a remarkably common vision.
- Members of the Board of Trustees of the College are deeply committed to the mission of the College and exercise remarkable generosity of spirit as they struggle with making the best judgments for Huntington's future.
- The physical plant of the College has long been one of its greatest assets.
- Careful conservative financial management has allowed the College to make major improvements to physical resources while maintaining balanced budgets and avoiding any substantial long term debt.
- Huntington has effectively addressed the recruitment and retention of students.
- Academic program areas are clearly defined, coherent and designed to appropriately challenge students at the various program areas.



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
Huntington College President

- The College is clearly achieving its educational purposes.

It is very encouraging to receive such praise from our regional accrediting organization. The success of Huntington College is a direct result of the faithful support, service, and prayers of our alumni, donors and friends. We are grateful for all you do to make Huntington such a special place.