

# Academe

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## ZEZULA RETIRES AFTER 37 YEARS AT HU

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### OVERVIEW

Huntington University is a Christian college offering degrees in physical education, exercise science, recreation management and sports ministry. These programs are specifically designed for students planning to pursue careers in physical education teaching; fitness research and consultation; physical or occupational therapy; or commercial, therapeutic, and outdoor recreation; or sports ministry. If a student is a future elementary or secondary teacher, the physical education track will direct the student through kinesiological coursework and teacher certification, on to professional success in the public or private school setting. At Huntington, students can earn a minor in health and safety or in recreation. A college/university minor in coaching is also available. The program prepares students for career success in physical education and health instruction. Courses in first aid, nutrition, psychology and instructional methods are required.

After 37 years of service to Huntington University, Dr. Pat Zezula has decided to retire.

"It has been a privilege to work at Huntington, and I look forward to continuing to teach on a part-time basis," said Zezula, professor of physical education. "I certainly appreciate the willingness of then President Dr. E. DeWitt Baker and Department Chair Dick Klopfenstein for their encouragement and the opportunity to begin my teaching profession at Huntington University. It has been interesting and exciting to be a part of the many changes that have taken place on campus during my tenure. I have fond memories of teaching in the 'barn' and remember the excitement of moving into the then new Merillat Physical Education and Recreation Complex. To students and colleagues — thanks for the great memories!"

Upon her graduation from Huntington University in 1969, the University hired Zezula as an instructor, assistant athletic director and coach. At various times during her first 15 years on staff, she assumed head-coaching responsibilities of every woman's sport the college offered. In 1982, she was promoted to athletic director, giving her the distinction of becoming the first female intercollegiate athletic director in Indiana.

"Pat has been a significant part of Huntington University for more than one-third of our history and has greatly impacted our academic community," said Dr. G. Blair Dowden, president. "She has been a caring professor who has effectively taught and mentored thousands of students. She also has been a faculty leader and has served on most major committees, contributing to the growth and development of the institution. Most of all she has been a friend to numerous individuals in the HU family. We will miss her faithful, dedicated and long-term service."

Zezula has distinguished herself with 37 years of service as a member of the college's faculty. She began as an instructor in the Department of Physical Education in 1969 and moved up through the ranks, becoming a full professor in 1990. Zezula earned her Ed.D. in educational administration from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

"In thinking about Pat, the first thing that comes to mind is her dedication to providing a good learning experience for the students and one who cares deeply for the well-being of Huntington University," said Connie Updike, assistant professor of recreation management. "Her leadership has been evident in many areas of the campus throughout her years of service. Colleagues of other colleges and universities throughout the state and Midwest have recognized her for her commitment, dedication and leadership in the promotion of the physical education profession. Former students continue to correspond with Pat and share what they are doing in their lives. An occasional campus visit or e-mail conveys their appreciation for her and the interest that she had in their education and development. I appreciate the opportunity and friendship that I have had in being a colleague of Pat."



**Dr. Pat Zezula**

In addition to serving on numerous committees within Huntington University, Zezula has served as chair of the Department of Physical Education since 1981.

In 2002, Zezula received the Honor Award from the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The Honor Award is the "highest recognition for outstanding service to the association."

She has published a book on children's physical activities in elementary schools, and she is involved in state and national associations in health, physical education and recreation.

"We will certainly miss Pat's presence, wisdom and experience and are grateful to her for all she has done at Huntington," said Dr. Norris Friesen, vice president and dean of Huntington University.

# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Pete Schownir**, major gifts officer for Huntington University, has taken over as director of community relations in addition to his current role. As director of community relations, a position he assumed on July 1, Schownir

is responsible for fundraising efforts in the Huntington County area. He also has staff responsibility for the programming and functions of the Huntington University Foundation.

• **Prof. James O'Donnell**, associate professor of business, has received recognition from Outreach Magazine for his book, "Walking with Arthur." O'Donnell's book was a finalist in the evangelistic testimony category of the magazine's 2005 Best Outreach Resources. Each year, Outreach Magazine names the best Christian outreach sources for churches, families, individuals and parachurch ministries.

The magazine's publishers, ministries and members of its editorial advisory board submit nominations, which Outreach editors separate into categories and narrow to a list of finalists. Readers and a group of expert panelists vote on the winners. Resources are evaluated for their ministry potential and accessibility. "Walking with Arthur" was released in February 2005.

• **Dr. Bill Bordeaux**, professor of chemistry, and **Dr. Ruth Nalliah**, associate professor of chemistry, attended a GC/MS Training Seminar by Restek Corporation in Indianapolis on May 23, 2006. The seminar provided applications and maintenance information for an instrumental technique which Huntington University uses to introduce students in chemistry teaching laboratories to a frequently-used method of analysis.

• **Prof. Bryan Ballinger**, assistant professor of digital media arts, traveled to eight area elementary schools giving talks/presentations about writing and illustrating children's books. His tour started on May 15 and ended on May 18, 2006. His schedule included Horace Mann, Salamonie, Andrews, Lincoln, Flint Springs, Northwest, Lancaster and Roanoke.

• **Dr. Paul E. Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, presented a paper on July 19 titled "Mythical Venice(s)," at a conference organized in Venice, Italy, where he is participating in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on "Venice, the Jews, and Italian Culture."

• **Dr. Ruth Nalliah**, associate professor of chemistry, presented a talk entitled "Engaging Students with Inexpensive Technology" at the 9th Annual Fort Wayne Teaching Conference with the theme "Engaging Students in Learning" held at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne on February 17, 2006.

• The 2006 Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis and Friends convened at Taylor University-Upland, June 1-4, 2006. More than 20 papers had been selected for presentation during the colloquium by professors representing 15 universities along with Taylor. **Dr. Paul R. Fetters**, professor emeritus of practical theology, read his research paper "Dorothy Sayers and the Wiles of the Wicked One as Observed in Her Contribution to the Faustus Legend, 'The Devil to Pay.'"

## YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ACCREDITED

### *Online program is first of its kind at Huntington*

Huntington University's newest Master of Arts program in youth ministry leadership has earned accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The program offers a unique combination of distance and online courses.



Dr. Dave Rahn, director of the Master of Arts in youth ministry

"I'm excited for the chance to communicate the news of this official accreditation to our growing number of prospective students," said Dr. Dave Rahn, director of the Master of Arts program in youth ministry. "The momentum is picking up."

The University applied for accreditation last fall. Representatives from the Higher Learning Commission visited a class in Florida and met with Rahn; Dr. Norris Friesen, vice president and dean of the University; and Dr. Ray Seilhamer, dean of Christian ministries.

"Accreditation of this program is vital to its success, and this is a tribute to the hard work of Dr. Ray Seilhamer and Dr. Dave Rahn," Friesen said. "Accreditation assures students that the program will be equal in quality to

other degrees offered by Huntington University and validates the unique blend of online and traditional instruction that we seek to offer.

The new degree also will use several different youth ministry professionals as instructors in the program. Students will have the opportunity to study with professors who are currently writing and doing research in the discipline of youth ministry. This unique delivery system is an exciting development for Huntington University, and it is affirming to receive the blessing of the Higher Learning Commission."



Dr. Ray Seilhamer, dean of Christian Ministries

Introduced in October 2005, the program started with three students and now carries an enrollment of 13. This is the University's first formal foray into distance learning. Courses are being offered in Colorado, Ohio, Florida and other locations near national conferences for youth workers.

Huntington University partnered with Youth Specialties and Youth for Christ to create the master's degree in youth ministry leadership.

By offering this program online and in convenient locations across the country, the University has the ability to offer graduate level training in youth ministry from coast to coast. Current students come from Maryland, Texas, Oregon, Georgia, Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Minnesota, Michigan and Ohio.

Each course begins with 30 days of online communication, learning activities and fellowship. Three days of intense class time follow, giving students and faculty a face-to-face opportunity to discuss, debate and theorize about relevant ministry topics. The remaining coursework and research activity is facilitated through an additional 60 days of online interaction. Classes meet in Fort Myers, Fla.; Denver, Col.; Huntington, Ind.; and at one Youth Specialties National Youth Workers' Convention per year. This year, that convention is in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The new distance-learning program builds on the strengths of Huntington University's well-established graduate programs, including accredited master's degree programs in youth ministry, pastoral ministry, discipling ministry and counseling ministry, as well as a diploma in pastoral ministry.

For more information about the Master of Arts in youth ministry leadership, log on to [www.youthministryleadership.com](http://www.youthministryleadership.com).

# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**Scholar-Athlete:** The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced its awards for the 2006 season, and Huntington University junior, Brittany Fillman, was among the honorees. Fillman, an English education major from Markle, Ind., (Norwell High School) received NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors for the first time in her career. All recipients of the award are either a junior or senior academically, carry above a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and excel as a track athlete. This season, Fillman repeated as the MCC Conference's individual champion in the 400 and earned All-Conference honors for the second time.



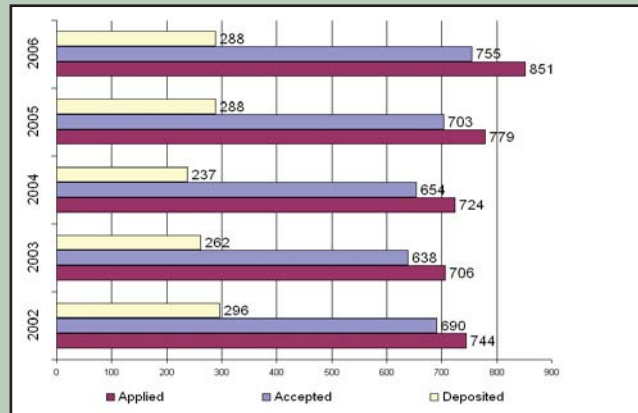
This summer, the Forester women's basketball team volunteered at Camp We Can, a camp for children with special needs in Rochester, Ind. Pictured is sophomore Lauren Davenport with camper Amanda.

**Media Awards:** The Huntington University 2005-2006 men and women's basketball media guides were recently awarded national top-ten honors from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-Sports Information Directors Association. For the third year in a row, the Forester men's guide won best cover in the country in the men's basketball brochure division. The men's overall guide also placed tenth. The Forester women's overall guide placed fifth in the women's basketball brochure contest. This is the fifth time in as many years that Huntington University has received national recognition in the NAIA-SIDA Publications Contest.

**Academic Excellence:** Each year an Academic Excellence Award is given to the athletic team with the highest team grade point average for the year. Congratulations to the women's basketball team who won the award with its 3.532 grade point average for the 2005-2006 year.

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 2006 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

## ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

This summer, in addition to ongoing development efforts, the Advancement staff is working with consultants to complete a feasibility study relating to the prospects for carrying out a capital campaign for the University. The data received back from the study will assist the University in evaluating and establishing priorities for capital and endowment programs for the coming years. If you are invited to participate in one of the study's surveys, please take time to do so.

## AROUND CAMPUS...

- For the first time, Huntington University registered more than 200 freshmen during Registration Weekend. Held on June 23-24 on the University's campus, the event included a record 201 freshmen. In addition, 39 more freshmen have indicated to the Registrar's Office that they intend to register in the near future. "We are on track to have a nice increase over last year's freshman class of 228 and to set a new record number of freshmen eclipsing the 240 freshman we enrolled in 2002," said **Jeff Berggren**, vice president for enrollment management & marketing. Registration Weekend is an orientation to Huntington University for students and parents. Both attend seminars introducing them to faculty, staff and current students. Students can take placement tests, sign up for housing, have their student identification photo taken and learn about the University's wireless computer network. A highlight of the weekend is the HU Olympics, hosted by current students.

- Huntington University's Department of Education has proven its commitment to producing quality teachers for the nation's children by achieving renewed accreditation under the standards of the state of Indiana. "Huntington University is proud of the high quality programs offered by our Education Department," said **Dr. Norris Friesen**, vice president and dean of Huntington University.

"We have an ongoing commitment to meet and exceed standards of teacher preparation in the state and to prepare teachers to make a positive impact on the lives of young people." Huntington University's education programs have been accredited by the state of Indiana since 1917.

- Huntington University's Summer Theatre Youth Camp participants presented "The Music Man Jr." on July 22 in Zurcher Auditorium in the Merrillat Centre for the Arts. This production was the capstone of Huntington University's first Summer Theatre Youth Camp. Through the four-week camp, children ages 6 to 15 learned basic theatrical training from theatre professionals and performed a fully produced musical theatre production. For youth ages 16-18, an apprentice program was offered at the same time. Apprentices are students with theatre interests that assist with facilitating the camp. They work more closely with the camp directors and serve as assistant directors, assistant choreographers, stage managers and assistant designers. For more information about the Summer Theatre Youth Camp, call the Huntington University Department of Theatre Arts at (260) 359-4279.

- The Huntington University Theatre Company has announced its schedule of events for the 2006-2007 season. This season's schedule features four new major productions, including

"Waiting for Godot," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Crimes of the Heart" and "The Royal Cricket of Japan" as well as popular annual events. For a complete schedule, log on to [www.huntington.edu/theatre/Season0607.htm](http://www.huntington.edu/theatre/Season0607.htm).

- The traveling theatre troupe from Huntington University will present "Godspell" for the last time at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merrillat Centre for the Arts. The show is free and open to the public. This summer, 12 students and two alumni from the University presented "Godspell" at churches throughout the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions. The group performed more than 40 shows between June 8 and Aug. 6. For more information, log on to [www.huntington.edu/godspell](http://www.huntington.edu/godspell).



The "Godspell" cast performs at Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne, Ind. Each "Godspell" performance has been the end result of a two and a half week rehearsal intensive "boot camp."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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20	21	22 Faculty Workshop/ 8 am M Soccer/4 pm (A)	23	24 GSCM Faculty/Staff Retreat/8:30 am M Soccer/8 pm (A) W Soccer/5 pm (A)	25 Residence Halls Open/9 am Orientation/9 am W Tennis/9 am (A)	26 Orientation/9 am W Tennis/TBA (A)
27 Orientation/9 am	28 Classes Begin/8 am	29	30 W Soccer/4 pm (H)	31 M/W Tennis/TBA (A)	1 Registration/9 am Volleyball/3 pm (A) Golf/10 am (A)	2 Volleyball/noon (A) M Soccer/2 pm (H) W Soccer/noon (H) Cross Country/11 am (A) Golf/8 am (A)
3	4 LABOR DAY M Soccer/7 pm (A)	5 W Soccer/4 pm (H) Golf/11 am (A)	6 M Tennis/2 pm (A) W Tennis/4 pm (A) Volleyball/7 pm (A)	7	8 Volleyball/TBA (A) M Soccer/5 pm (A) W Soccer/3 pm (A) Golf/TBA (A)	9 M/W Tennis/10 am (A) Volleyball/TBA (A) Golf/TBA (A)
10	11	12 M/W Tennis/3 pm (H) M Soccer/4 pm (H)	13 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am Volleyball/7 pm (H) W Soccer/4 pm (A)	14	15	16

*For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit [www.huntington.edu/calendar](http://www.huntington.edu/calendar).*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This summer, a talented group of Huntington University students, alumni, staff and faculty are staging a national tour of "Godspell." The high-energy cast and talented crew are using "Godspell" to present the joyful news about Jesus Christ. Written in the 1970s and featuring popular songs such as "Day by Day," the musical is based on the timeless Gospel of Matthew. Unlike some earlier productions of "Godspell," which cast Jesus and his disciples as traveling musicians, hippies or clowns, our summer production interprets Christ as "the master carpenter of the ultimate world makeover show." The set features stepladders, carpentry tools and paintbrushes. As the performance program explains, "Jesus comes to help his followers remodel their lives."

The first act focuses on Jesus' teachings, especially the parables. Playwright John-Michael Tebelak and composer Stephen Swartz do a masterful job of punctuating Scriptural lessons with modern music based on 18th century hymn lyrics.

More than 40 performances of "Godspell" have been scheduled this summer at churches, schools and camps from New Hampshire to Florida. Thousands of lives are being touched by this tour.

To enable the "Godspell" cast to tell stories of effective ministry on the road, the University's public relations staff set up a web log, or "blog." The Web site enables the actors and technicians to publish photos and stories about their tour without any special software

or computer equipment. Audience members also have posted messages to the blog, often describing how meaningful the performance has been.

One entry from late June includes a message received from a Jacksonville, Fla., church member:

"Hey I just wanted to let you know that a former drug addict/alcoholic/30-year prison convict got saved after seeing "Godspell," so that's amazing. Let the cast know that they are changing lives for eternity and to keep it up!"

This week, an audience member wrote the following message in the blog:

"My wife and I had the good fortune of seeing the show on two occasions during your tour (once in Indianapolis and also at Good Shepherd where we drove with friends for the performance). It is a wonderful production...and this is coming from folks who have seen the show numerous times since the 70s. It gives us a warm feeling to see commitment to one another and a sense of community with the audience. The basic message of joy and hope can touch all people regardless of their beliefs, and we applaud the cast's efforts. Interestingly, please note that we are a Jewish couple, and although our views regarding Jesus may differ, the basic concepts of how we interact with our fellow man are timeless and paramount... Good luck to the entire cast and crew in your work, school and all future endeavors. I'm hoping to convince my wife to go



Dr. G. Blair Dowden  
President of Huntington University

to the last performance next Sunday, and perhaps we can chat for a moment. Take care and God bless."

I hope you will have an opportunity to see this uplifting performance before the tour ends. The complete schedule – along with profiles of each performer and links to their blog – can be found on our Web site at [www.huntington.edu/godspell](http://www.huntington.edu/godspell). Please join me in praying for the cast and crew as they conclude their "Godspell" tour in the next few weeks. They have devoted their summer to using their music and theatre training to impact our world for Christ, and I am grateful for their hard work and effective ministry.