

Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



MAKING STUDENTS FEEL VALUED

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

For students aspiring to be elementary or secondary teachers, the physical education major directs them 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 minor in coaching is also available. As a physical education major at Huntington University, students gain plenty of hands-on experience in local classrooms and have many opportunities to engage in fitness-related public service. Options include completing a practicum experience at an agency such as the YMCA, working at a fitness center, or acting as a counselor at a summer camp. HU's program will prepare students for career success in physical education and health instruction. Courses in first aid, nutrition, psychology and instructional methods are required as well as certifications in first aid and CPR (or EMT certification).

Huntington University gave Maria (McCabe) Hallman the tools to run a structured, disciplined classroom – traits required for successful students and athletes.

“My students know what I expect from them and aren't afraid to take a leadership role,” the 2003 graduate says. “They understand that I expect quite a bit from them and that I won't let them slide by.”

Maria teaches physical education and health courses at DeKalb High School. She's also pursuing her master's degree in sports management at Ball State University. After completing an internship with the Fort Wayne Fusion, she will graduate in June 2008.

While Maria feels confident about the education she received in her core area, she also sees the value of having a liberal arts background.

“Huntington provided me with a well-rounded education,” she says. “I was able to learn a variety of things and not just my field of study. I now feel comfortable helping my students in all subjects and not just physical education or health.”

Maria believes her professors made all of the difference in her undergraduate years and also her teaching methods.

“An HU professor makes each student feel important,” she says. “I carried that example into my classroom. I try not having favorites, and the students respond more when they are all on a level playing field. Asking students to do their best and then getting more out of them than they thought has allowed me to have a positive classroom environment.”

Having been a student at both a private, Christian institution and now a large, state university, Maria has become more aware of the strengths of her Huntington experience. “HU gives each student the possibility to be heard,” she



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says. “Since I am going for my master's at BSU, I am finding the differences between the universities when it comes to the relationship between professor and student. HU professors encouraged us to call, e-mail, or visit with any question we had. Their door was always open. HU professors encouraged me to think for myself.”

Not only was she challenged academically, she also experienced physical challenges at Huntington. Maria played volleyball and softball as a student and carried on her athletic career as a coach through her position at DeKalb High School.

At Huntington, Maria developed as a student and an athlete, but most importantly, she became a growing, thinking Christian.

“I loved being challenged to think about my faith,” she says. “I loved the classes that made me examine my beliefs and values – the classes that made me think about who I am and what kind of Christian I want to be. I am now leading that Christian life and displaying it for my children and family.”

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Prof. Jim O'Donnell**, associate professor of business, was the featured speaker at the Church Women United of Fort Wayne and Allen County's 44th Annual Interfaith Luncheon on Oct 8. Church Women United is a racially, culturally

and theologically inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

• **Mrs. Joanne (Miller) Green** is the new experiential learning coordinator for the Enterprise Resource Center. She is working with students to create experiential learning opportunities such as internships, projects and job shadows. Green worked in the Student Development Office for several years in a variety of roles as well as in the Admissions Office as an admissions counselor. She also has served as an assistant women's basketball coach.

• **Dr. Paul Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, served as general chair for the Fifth

International Congress on Romanian Studies, held in Constanta, Romania, with approximately 250 participants. Interviews with Michelson about the congress appeared in *Jurnalul National* and *Agora*. He also did several radio and TV interviews. Michelson presented a paper at the congress on "The Cluj School of History, 1919-1922" and participated in two roundtables: "Romanian Historiography: Past, Present, and Future," and "The Early Years of the Society for Romanian Studies." Michelson's paper was published in *The Transylvanian Review*.

• **Drs. Bobbi Buchholz, Francis Jones and Win Wetherbee** as well as students Ethan Blocher-Smith, Alicia Hoffmann, Ashley Meyer and Joshua Zinnel attended the 35th Annual Miami University Mathematics Conference at Oxford, Ohio, on Sept. 28-29. This year's theme was number theory. Hoffman presented a paper "Finite vs. Infinite Fullerenes and the Ihara Zeta Function," and Meyer presented a paper "Effective Condition Number" in the student papers session.

• **Dr. Tom Bergler**, associate professor of ministry and missions, taught a course on the topic of "Influencing Student Culture at State Universities" as part of the Campus Outreach

Academy sponsored by University Christian Outreach in Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 6-10. The conference brought together student leaders from campus ministries at six different universities. Bergler also published "We're All Adolescents Now" in the September/October 2007 issue of *Youthworker Journal*.

• **Mrs. Amy Wilson** will become the new controller & director of financial services on Oct. 15. Wilson has a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from the University of Indianapolis and CPA certification. She has begun work on her MBA degree at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. Wilson has worked in public accounting for a number of years, and prior to accepting her role at Huntington, she was with Kline's CPA Group in Huntington.

• **Prof. William VanDoodewaard**, who served as visiting professor of history (2006-2007), and continues to serve as adjunct professor of history, attended the Scottish Universities Conference in Divinity and Religious Studies at King's College, the University of Aberdeen, in June, where he presented a paper titled "Thomas Blackwell, the Marrow Controversy, and Early Moderatism in the Church of Scotland (1712-1726)."

PRIME



Rachel Byrd reads a story to children in a program called Say Yes.

• For the fall 2007 semester, 18 students are enrolled in PRIME.

• Students involved in PRIME have experiences all over the U.S. and abroad.

• For stories and information about PRIME, log on to www.huntington.edu/ministry/prime.htm.

PRIME TEACHES BYRD HOW TO FLY

Ministry major gains valuable experience in new setting

Huntington University senior Rachel Byrd is experiencing a new side of life.

A senior family and children's ministries major, Byrd is working this semester in Paramount and Compton, Calif.

"There are a lot of hurting people in these towns who have some pretty bad lives," said Byrd, a native of Logansport, Ind. "As a church, we try very hard to reach their needs."

A unique part of the Huntington University educational ministries program is the PRIME experience, or Practical Research and Immersion through Ministry Effectiveness. PRIME places seniors into field ministry settings for seven months, typically from May to December.

Byrd is in charge of a once-a-week program called Kids Klub. The night starts with a small worship band followed by a large group lesson. Then the children break up into small groups and do crafts and games. Approximately 150 to 175 children come for Kids Klub.

Byrd also serves as a teacher for an afterschool

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program called Say Yes, held at the church. For the first hour, the children do their homework, and Byrd is there to help them if they have problems or questions. In the second hour, the children read books and play outside.

"Our main goal is for the kids to come and have a safe place to be after school instead of on the streets," Byrd said. "Too many young kids end up at the wrong place at the wrong time in our town, so if we have them in our church for two hours, that makes us happy."

Not only has PRIME benefited the children Byrd serves, but she also has found value in the experience for herself and her future ministry.

"Overall, PRIME has taught me more than I ever thought it could," she said. "Not only have I learned how to do ministry, but I have learned many relational skills."

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Cross Country: In a dual meet with Marian College, the Forester men's cross country team put five runners in the top six to win the E. DeWitt Baker Invitational on Oct 6. The women didn't field a complete team, but still had four runners participate. Jill Roughia was HU's top runner finishing with a time of 20:44.

Golf: Despite a fourth place finish at the MCC Championship on Oct. 2, HU put three players, Cory Powell, Spencer Batt and Ryan Bonner, among the top 10 finishers, earning them MCC All-Conference honors.

Soccer: Playing before a boisterous Homecoming crowd, the men's team responded with a well-played 1-0 victory over Rochester College to notch their first shutout of the season. The same day, the women's team beat Rochester 4-0.

Tennis: In their final regular season match of the fall, a less than full-strength men's squad fell 6-3 to Indiana University Southeast on Oct. 6. After dropping two of three doubles matches, the women's team responded with five wins in singles to post the 6-3 victory over Franklin College on Oct. 4.

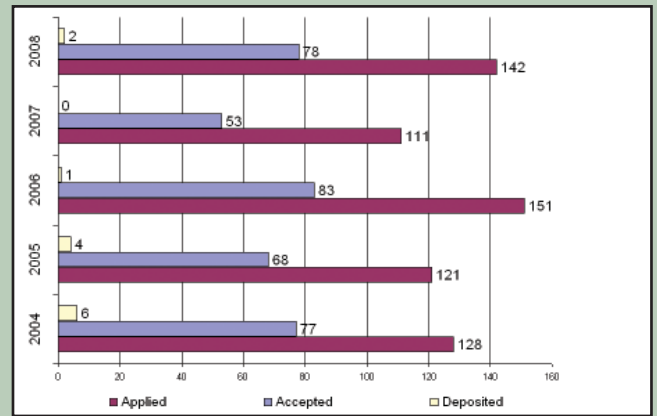
Volleyball: After dropping the first two games, the Foresters put together a dramatic comeback to earn the 28-30, 20-30, 30-28, 30-28, 15-11 victory over Goshen College on Oct 5.

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



Senior Sarah Kaufman is HU's all-time leading scorer in women's soccer. Kaufman scored 32 goals in her first two seasons as a Forester, earning MCC All-Conference honors twice and NAIA All-Region honors as a sophomore.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2008 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

This month, the Advancement staff hosted Homecoming Weekend in addition to launching the fall phonathon. The remainder of October will involve meetings with the Board of Trustees and staff connecting with donors, friends and church cluster groups. Planning also continues for the university's next comprehensive capital campaign to help fund campus expansion, the growth of the university's endowment and assist with annual student scholarship needs.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Oct. 17-24, Huntington University will host the second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Students, faculty and staff are invited to stop by information tables in the Habecker Dining Commons or Norm's Place for pink ribbons, pamphlets and more. Luminaries in honor of or in memory of family, friends and acquaintances who have battled any type of cancer will be available for \$1 each. Funds raised will benefit the Young Survival Coalition, an organization offering support to young women who have breast cancer. Students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to a luminary lighting and prayer vigil for cancer survivors and their families on Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. on the mall. For more about the event, log on to www.huntington.edu/alumni.

- Huntington University inducted 10 members into the Indiana Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi in a convocation held Oct. 5 in the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Students were recognized for their superior academics and exceptional character. The following students at Huntington University were inducted into Alpha Chi in 2007: **Whitney Abbott, Claire Bates, William Braun, Leah Cressman, Lauren Davenport, Sarah Fairchild, Kimberly Hart, Katie Hursey, Trent Lloyd and Cassie Rudy.**

- The investiture for Gary resident, **Calvin Hawkins**, a 1967 graduate of Huntington University, was held Oct. 2 in the East Chicago

Courthouse. Hawkins became a judge in the Civil Division of Lake County Superior Court. **President Dr. G. Blair Dowden** offered greetings while Gov. Mitch Daniels officiated the investiture ceremony. Hawkins was Huntington's commencement speaker in 1998 when he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. In 1975, he was named Alumnus of the Year by the university. Hawkins received the Huntington University Centennial Medallion in 1997.

- Kevin Keller**, a senior at Huntington University, passed his actuarial exam in the spring of 2007 with a score of nine out of 10. The test has an emphasis on calculus, mathematical statistics and probability. With a score of nine, Keller, a mathematics major from Strasburg, Pa., exceeded the minimum passing score of six. The Society of Actuaries allows only 30-40 percent of test takers to pass to keep the demand for actuaries high. Keller prepared for the exam through math courses he took at Huntington, as well as an independent study sponsored by **Dr. Francis Jones**, professor of mathematical sciences.

- Author and speaker Edward Gilbreath will continue Huntington University's Forester Lecture Series at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. He will discuss his book, "Reconciliation Blues: A Black Evangelical's

Inside View of White Christianity." All Forester Lectures are open to the public free of charge.

- In Homecoming ceremonies on Oct. 6, Margaret Roush, director of alumni & church relations announced that **Jo Ellen Earhart** was named Alumnus of the Year while **Cory Whitehead** was recognized as the Young Alumnus of the Year. Roush also announced that **Lori Culler** was selected to receive the university's Distinguished Alumni Citation.

Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, Ind., has donated six mattresses and six over-the-bed tables to Huntington University's Department of Nursing. The department recently purchased a life-size, vinyl plastic manikin named "Suzie" that features moveable joints. The manikin will provide opportunities for training in a variety of clinical skills and procedures from injections to bathing. In addition, the department purchased four oxygen and vacuum heads for the headwalls from Ohio Medical Corporation.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10 High School Math Competition/10 am Volleyball/7 pm (A)	11 M Soccer/5 pm (A) Tennis/TBA (A)	12 Bible study/11 am Signs & Wonders/9 pm Tennis/TBA (A)	13 Volleyball/11 am (A) M Soccer/1 pm (A) W Soccer/4 pm (A) Tennis/TBA (A)
14 Signs & Wonders/ 8:30 pm	15 Mid-Semester Break	16 Mid-Semester Break M Soccer/3:30 pm (H) Volleyball/7 pm (A)	17 Breast Cancer Awareness Week W Soccer/3 pm (H)	18 BCAW Board of Trustees	19 BCAW Board of Trustees Bible study/11 am Signs & Wonders/9 pm	20 BCAW Fall Work Day X Country/TBA (A) M Soccer/1 pm (A)
21 BCAW Signs & Wonders/ 8:30 pm	22 BCAW	23 BCAW M Soccer/3:30 pm (H) Forester Lecture/7 pm Volleyball/7 pm (H)	24 BCAW All-Area Recital I/4 pm Midnight Study Break/ 11 pm-1 am	25	26 Bible study/11 am Student Recital/7:30 pm Signs & Wonders/9 pm	27 M Soccer/TBA (A) Volleyball/TBA (H)
28 Signs & Wonders/ 8:30 pm	29	30	31 Volleyball/TBA (H)	1 Little Women/7:30 pm	2 Bible study/11 am Little Women/7:30 pm Signs & Wonders/9 pm Volleyball/TBA (H)	3 Little Women/ 2 and 7:30 pm X Country/TBA (A) Volleyball/TBA (H)
4 Signs & Wonders/ 8:30 pm	5	6 Volleyball/7 pm (A)	7	8 Little Women/7:30 pm	9 Bible study/11 am Little Women/7:30 pm Signs & Wonders/9 pm	10 Little Women/ 2 and 7:30 pm
11 Signs & Wonders/ 8:30 pm	12	13 Music Department Ensemble Concert/ 7:30 pm	14 Foundation Breakfast/7:45 am All-Area Recital II/ 4 pm	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

In a recent conversation, Bob Henry, assistant director of campus ministries, mentioned a profound book he was reading. The book, “Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light,” is a memoir of sorts. The book is a collection of several letters Mother Teresa wrote to her spiritual advisor. In these letters, Mother Teresa chronicles some of her darkest days and laments how little she felt the presence of God in her life. Through the help of her spiritual advisor, eventually, she was able to view these feelings of abandonment as God’s way of helping her to understand more fully the people she helped.

By coincidence, I happened to read an editorial recently that also cited Mother Teresa’s book. In this article, the author commented that Mother Teresa experienced this darkness for the last 50 years of her life and felt her doubt in God was evidence of a lack of faith and a

source of disgrace. In spite of this emptiness, she never stopped serving and seeking Christ. Paul Schrag states, “Doubt puts faith to the test, and faith tested can become faith strengthened.”

This fall, President Dowden challenged the campus to examine what it means to be a Christ-centered institution. As we pursue this dialogue, we will examine the topic from several different theological and biblical angles. I am sure in the course of these discussions many questions will be raised. Some of them will be difficult, if not impossible to answer, and as a result, there will be doubts. Spiritual growth, however, is a process of testing and fine-tuning what we believe. To focus on Christ as our center is to live out the will of God in humility. The writer of Jude states, “Keep yourselves in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

in his mercy to give you eternal life. Show mercy toward those who have doubts.” (Jude 1:21-22) This will be a year of searching and examining at one level but hopefully a year that celebrates our unity under the Lordship of Christ.