

# Academe

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## MERGING FAITH & TECHNOLOGY

### COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM

#### OVERVIEW

Computer Science is a fast growing and rapidly changing field. At Huntington, students receive a solid foundation in the fundamentals of computer science, plus the flexibility to explore the latest innovations in technology and programming. In Huntington's degree programs, students gain skills for today, plus adaptability for tomorrow. Students learn multiple current programming languages. Working individually or as part of a team, students solve real-world problems. And because Huntington is a Christian college, students wrestle with contemporary issues involving ethics, privacy and security. Huntington opened a new, state-of-the-art learning facility for the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences in 2002. The Science Hall expanded the already remarkable facilities available on campus for the study of computer science.

The transition from majoring in youth ministry to studying computer science may be an odd one, but for Ben Crill it worked out perfectly. A 2003 graduate of Huntington University, Crill first came to the University to pursue a career in youth ministry. But during his time at Huntington, he explored other academic areas and found his niche in the Computer Science Department.

"I enjoyed the people and the atmosphere so much that even after I decided to change majors, I stayed put," says Crill, a native of Westerville, Ohio.

Crill currently puts his computer science training to good use as the network administrator and special projects director for AgReliant Genetics in Westfield, Ind.

"I am responsible for the daily operations of our information infrastructure, including monitoring network security, making sure computer and networking equipment is functioning properly, and making sure our remote users have reliable access to network resources," Crill says.

Crill also works on special projects such as updating a database used by his company's sales force so they can view their orders and create estimates for new orders. But technological proficiency wasn't all that Crill learned at Huntington. He gained skills that will help him adjust to whatever the future holds.

"My Huntington education gave me a desire to succeed and perform to my best, not solely for my own achievement, but because God has blessed me with specific talents," Crill says. "It also helped me in keeping perspective in the workplace, knowing that there is something greater than what I do from 8-5 Monday through Friday."

For Crill, integrating his faith into his workplace is made easier by his fellow employees.

"I have been fortunate to work in a company where most of the workers are Christian," Crill says. "My direct boss in particular is very strong in his faith. It helps when you have a boss that



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appreciates the effort I put forth because of my faith and is willing to do everything he can to help me do my job while holding strong to my beliefs."

The close-knit environment Crill has found at his workplace is similar to the kind of learning environment at a smaller institution like Huntington.

"One advantage is the ability to work effectively in a group environment when you know the people you are working with better," Crill says about Huntington's smaller class sizes. "In addition, the ability to easily meet and speak with professors when struggling with a particular topic is a major advantage."

For students interested in computer science at Huntington, Crill encourages them to soak up as much knowledge as possible.

# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Jeffrey Webb**, associate professor of history, has been invited to participate in a program at the History Center in Ft. Wayne designed to complement the recently-aired PBS documentary, "The War That Made

America." Webb will give a free public lecture on February 23, 2006, at 2 p.m. titled "The French and Indian War: The Laboratory of Experience," which assesses the war's impact on colonial, revolutionary, and early national politics. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public.

• **Dr. Francis Jones**, professor of mathematical sciences, and **Dr. Winfield Wetherbee**, professor of mathematical sciences, attended the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Antonio, Texas January 12-15, 2006. They joined some 4,500 other mathematicians from around the nation to hear presentations and talks on topics ranging from instructional ideas to advances in mathematical research. Jones also took

a short course on Fibonacci numbers and Catalan numbers. They also attended the dinner meeting of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences, and the Sunday morning worship service organized by the ACMS.

• **Dr. Lance Clark** has been promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor of Communication.

• **Dr. Delbert Doughty** has been promoted from Associate to Professor of English.

• **Prof. Anita Wickersham** has been promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor of Accounting and Business.

• **Dr. Todd Martin**, associate professor of English, has been granted a sabbatical leave for the fall semester 2006 and J-term 2007.

• **Dr. Terrell Peace**, professor of education, has been granted a sabbatical leave for either fall semester 2006 or J-term 2007, or for J-Term 2007 and spring semester 2007.

• **Dr. Bruce Evans**, professor of biology, has

been granted a sabbatical leave for J-term 2007 and spring semester 2007.

• **Dr. Dwight Brautigam**, professor of history, has been granted a sabbatical leave for the 2006-2007 academic year, pending receipt of a grant.

• **Dr. Winfield Wetherbee**, professor of mathematics, has been granted a sabbatical leave for J-term 2007 and spring semester 2007.

• **Dr. Mark Fairchild**, professor of Bible and religion, has been granted a sabbatical leave for J-term 2007 and spring semester 2007.

• **Dr. Tom Bergler**, professor of educational ministries, has been chosen as the featured speaker for the Forester Lecture Series' 2007 annual faculty lecture. Bergler completed his Ph.D. in American Religious History from the University of Notre Dame. He also has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and history from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in theology and church history from Wheaton College. Bergler has seven years of full-time campus ministry experience through his work with University Christian Outreach.



## Additional reaction to the grant

**Comment from Dr. Beth Burch, chair of the Division of Natural & Mathematical Sciences:** "I'm very excited that Parkview Huntington Hospital has decided to partner with us as we seek to establish our nursing program. Early on they gave us their support verbally, but it is so encouraging to see them show support with a financial commitment, and we greatly appreciate that. We look forward to working with Parkview over the coming years to provide additional nurses, which are so sorely needed around the country and around the world."

**Links:** <http://www.huntington.edu/news/0506/parkview-grant.htm> (extended news release, additional photos, excerpts from speakers at the press conference)

<http://www.huntington.edu/news/0506/nursing.htm> (nursing degree announcement)

## HUNTINGTON RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT

### *Parkview shows support for nursing degree program*

During a brief ceremony on February 1, 2006, Parkview Huntington Hospital awarded Huntington University with a \$100,000 grant for a new nursing degree program.

"Partnering with Huntington University in the development of this program is an excellent opportunity for Parkview Huntington Hospital to enhance our already strong ties with the University and at the same time assist in addressing the national shortage of experienced nurses," said Dr. Darlene Garrett, chief operating officer for Parkview Huntington Hospital. "The stability and quality of our nation's health care system relies on a sufficient supply of well-educated and skilled nurses, and the addition of a nursing degree program at Huntington University is a major step toward meeting these needs."

Huntington University faculty approved adding a bachelor of nursing degree after two years of formal study. The new program was initially proposed by the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences in late 2003, one year after the University opened its state-of-the-art, 93,000 square foot Science Hall, the largest and most high-tech facility on campus.

In the atrium of the Science Hall, Dr. G. Blair Dowden,

Huntington University president, expressed gratitude for the grant.

"We are excited about the partnership with Parkview which will help us expand health care education in Northeast Indiana," Dowden said. "We have consistently received requests for a nursing program at our institution. Soon we will be able to serve a significant group of students that we weren't able to serve before."

Huntington tentatively has scheduled fall of 2007 as the opening date for the nursing degree program.

Area health care providers interviewed for the University's study reported a shortage of qualified nurses and expected increasing demand for nurses with the breadth of education represented by the bachelor of nursing degree. Nurse executives interviewed in the study stressed the importance of critical thinking and decision making, which are key features of Huntington's core curriculum in the liberal arts and proposed B.S.N. program.

The University applied for a grant through the Parkview Huntington Hospital Foundation, an organization which gave \$331,559 toward various community projects in 2005.

# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**Basketball:** The Marian College Knights blistered the nets in the second half hitting 64 percent of their shots to shock the NAIA 2nd-ranked Foresters 91-76 on Saturday. Early in the second half, HU pushed its lead to four twice, the last coming at 44-40 with 16:33 to go. Marian went on a 19-2 run over the next six minutes to take a 59-46 lead midway through the half, then hit three consecutive treys to push the margin to 17 at 70-53 with eight minutes to play. Down the stretch, the Foresters pulled within 10 on three occasions, but couldn't get any closer as the Knights went 12-18 from the line over the final 2:39 to complete the upset.



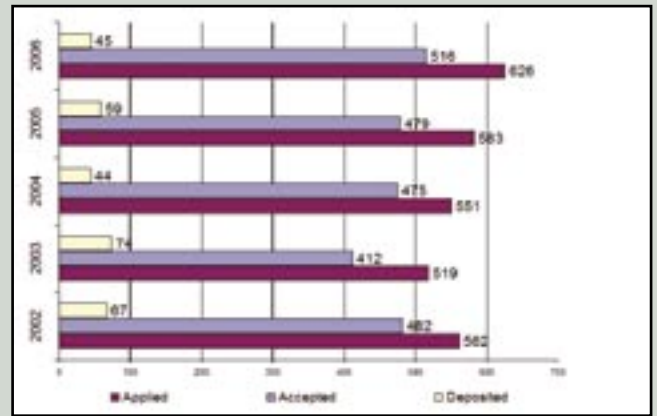
Jessica Ramey reached the 1000th point of her career with a win over Marian College. Ramey needed nine points to make that benchmark, and she scored 23.

The Lady Foresters (14-10) came up with some of the best team defense of the season to pull off the 70-50 upset over the NAIA 23<sup>rd</sup>-ranked Marian College Knights (13-8) on Saturday. Huntington's Jessica Ramey finished the game with 23 points and seven assists. Also in double figures for the Foresters was Amy Berry with 21 and Betsy Bean with 11. Huntington shot 50 percent (23-46) in the game and held the Knights to 33 percent shooting (17-51). The win gives the Foresters a two-game lead over the fourth place teams in the conference standings with their 9-4 record.

**Track & Field:** Sophomore Joel Sanders and freshman Lucas Beach each recorded a personal best on their way to winning their respective events at the Taylor University Indoor Track Invitational on Saturday. Sanders won the 800 meter run with his time of 1:57.02 breaking his own school record of 1:57.73 set last year. In the shot put, Beach improved on his mark of 48' 11.5" set last week, winning the event with a throw of 49' 8". The mark is the second-best toss on the HU record books. On the women's side, Jill Roughia had the top finish for the Foresters with her second place time of 3:10.28 in the 1000 meter run. Katie Crandell and Vanessa Macias each recorded a fourth place finish.

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

Paul Hirschy has been appointed as a development officer for Huntington University, effective January 25, 2006. His primary responsibilities include cultivating relationships and generating financial resources for the University. Hirschy will travel the tri-state area meeting with alumni and friends sharing the Huntington University story. From 2001-2005, Hirschy served as the United States Bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

## AROUND CAMPUS...

- The Huntington University Board of Trustees has approved a 2 percent tuition increase for 2006-2007, administrators recently announced. This is the second year for low or no price increases at the Christian liberal arts college. Annual tuition at Huntington University is currently \$18,060. The 2 percent increase for the 2006-2007 academic year means that a full-time student at Huntington will pay only \$180 more in tuition per semester. Huntington's 2 percent rise in tuition is expected to be one of the lowest increases in the state this year. Recently, the University announced a measure that will allow some students to qualify for higher scholarships through the Merillat Scholar Grant program. Students who are children of Huntington alumni, members of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, or student leaders in Youth for Christ or Young Life will be able to "stack" qualifying criteria and receive additional scholarship funds. Students who meet one of the criteria will be eligible for up to \$3,500 in aid. Those who meet two criteria will be eligible for up to \$4,500, and if all three criteria are met, an additional \$500 will be awarded. Merillat Scholar Grants are given through the generosity of the Merillat Foundation.

- Huntington University alumna **Susan Guilkey** recently competed for the Miss America crown. While she didn't walk away with the title, she continues to be positive. "The Miss America

journey (is) completed. It doesn't mean my Miss Indiana duties will be abandoned. And I will probably go back to graduate school at Purdue University in professional communications. Either that, or I'll look for a job," Guilkey, 2005 graduate in communication studies, told an *Indianapolis Star* reporter. Miss Indiana's friends at Huntington University were in full support of the 22 year-old on pageant night. The Student Activities Board showed Miss America on the big screen TV in the Huntington Union Building. Some students opted to have floor parties in their residence halls to watch the event. **Katie Jo Brown**, a sophomore elementary education major from Eaton Rapids, Mich., cheered on Guilkey with ten of her floor friends.

- Huntington Area Home Educators in conjunction with Huntington University recently presented "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Huntington University senior **Becca Rodgers** presented the play as her senior project. A native of Lincoln, Ill., she holds a double major in theatre design and theatre performance. Rodgers connected with the homeschool organization through the University's Enterprise Resource Center. Involved in the production were 24 children, ranging in age from seven to 18. Five students from the University also appeared in the show.

- Sculptor, potter, teacher, and gallery owner Charlie Cummings is the featured artist at an exhibit in Huntington University's Robert E. Wilson Gallery which opened January 30 and ends February 24, 2006. Cummings is displaying a series of sculptural pieces marked by figurative imagery, a body of work two years in the making. An artist's reception will be held for Cummings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2006.

- The Huntington University Theatre Company will present "Shakesperience!" at 7:30 p.m. on February 16 and 17, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. on February 18. To reserve tickets, contact the Merillat Centre for the Arts box office at (260) 359-4261 or log on to [www.huntington.edu/mca](http://www.huntington.edu/mca).



Students rehearse for "Shakesperience!" The production is described as "a simple concept show which fuses today's musical theatre with the lively and robust theatre of Elizabethan England."

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

# February/March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	9	10 Presidential Scholarship Celebration Day	11 M Basketball/3 pm (H) W Basketball/6 pm (A)
12	13	14 M Basketball/7 pm (A)	15 W Basketball/7 pm (H)	16 Ministry & Missions Department Visit Day "Shakesperience!"/ 7:30 pm	17 "Shakesperience!"/ 9:30 am & 7:30 pm	18 "Shakesperience!"/ 2 pm & 7:30 pm
19	20 CLEP/DANTES/8 am	21 CLEP/DANTES/8 am W Basketball/7 pm (A)	22 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Piano Masterclass/ 4:30 pm M Basketball/7 pm (A)	23 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Baseball/5 pm (A) Elena Abuladze Recital/7:30 pm	24 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Baseball/3 pm (A)	25 Baseball/noon (A)
26	27	28	1	2 Education Department Visit Day	3 Baseball/3 pm (A)	4
5	6	7	8 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am All-Area Music Student Recital/4:30 pm	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit <a href="http://www.huntington.edu/calendar">www.huntington.edu/calendar</a>.</i>		

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

This past January-term, I co-taught a class on Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement. We met on campus for one week and then traveled to Memphis, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and Atlanta. The last week of class we debriefed and participated in the on-campus observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This is the third time I have helped to teach this class, and each time I am amazed with how little students know about Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement. But it is also interesting to note how much a class and trip like this can impact students. When students stand in the room next to where Martin Luther King Jr. was shot, hear Mahalia Jackson sing "Precious Lord," and look at the window across the street where James Earl Ray allegedly shot Dr. King, it is sobering. We toured the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham where four girls were killed in a bombing of the church. One of the students commented that she was moved by an older man sitting to the side of where the bodies of the four girls were found who wiped a tear from his eye as he listened to the story being retold. When we visited Selma, we heard a woman tell her story of marching on Bloody Sunday when the police assaulted the marchers on the Edmund Pettis Bridge. In Montgomery at the Rosa Parks Museum, we met the Rev. Robert Gratz, who was a white pastor who pastored a black church in Montgomery during the bus boycott. His house was bombed five times and

he was shunned and ostracized by the white community because of his belief that segregation was unchristian.

These experiences and many others forced us to rethink our attitudes about racism and the reconciliation God has called us to do. Reconciliation is hard work, and it doesn't happen over night. We identified several ways that we unwittingly contribute to an attitude of segregation. Sometimes it is very subtle and other times it is more visible. Martin Luther King Jr. observed that 11 a.m. on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in America. Unfortunately, 40 years later it isn't really much different. We can identify lots of reasons, but the bottom line is that until we see it as our problem not much will change.

In Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," King responds to the accusation of being an extremist for what he believed and was doing. He responded by saying, "Though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist, I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love?: 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.' Was not Amos an extremist for justice?: 'Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.' Was not Paul an extremist for the Christian



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Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

gospel?: 'I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.' Was not Martin Luther an extremist?: 'Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God.' So, the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists will we be? Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice? Jesus Christ was an extremist for love, truth, and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists." Let's pray that as we look at diversity initiatives on our campus that we will seek to do what is right, what is loving, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.