HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC/MD Form 8-K April 26, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

April 20, 2006

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	0-2525	31-0724920
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio		43287
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:		614-480-8300
	Not Applicable	
Former nar	ne or former address, if changed since l	ast report
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filir he following provisions:	g is intended to simultaneously satisfy	the filing obligation of the registrant under any of
 Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 une Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Pre-commencement communications pursuant to 	the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12 Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act) (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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On April 20, 2006, Huntington issued a news release announcing, among other things, that on that day the board of directors authorized a new share

repurchase program for up to 15 million shares. Purchases will be made from time-to-time in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions depending on market conditions. The current share repurchase authorization, announced October 18, 2005, with 5.0 million shares remaining, has been cancelled and replaced by this new authorization. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

April 26, 2006 By: Richard A. Cheap

Name: Richard A. Cheap

Title: Secretary

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated April 20, 2006