

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 name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

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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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated April 20, 2006 |