

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC/MD  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2006

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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):

January 26, 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))  
 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 January 26, 2006, Huntington issued a news release announcing the approval by the Federal Reserve Board of the merger application to acquire Canton, Ohio based Unizan Financial Corp. The merger, which was originally announced January 27, 2004, is targeted to close March 1, 2006. 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

*January 27, 2006*

*By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap*

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*Name: Richard A. Cheap*

*Title: Secretary*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated January 26, 2006