

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC/MD  
Form 8-K  
May 25, 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):

May 24, 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 May 25, 2006, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated announced the repurchase of 6.0 million shares of common stock, or 2.4% of its shares outstanding as of March 31, 2006, from Bear Stearns under an accelerated share repurchase program dated May 24, 2006.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The exhibit referenced below shall be treated as "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 - News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated May 25, 2006.

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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

May 25, 2006

By: *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>
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