HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC/MD Form 8-K March 01, 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):

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-2525

(Commission

File Number)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

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))

31-0724920

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

43287

(Zip Code)

614-480-8300

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On March 1, 2006, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated issued a news release announcing that its acquisition of Canton, Ohio based Unizan Financial Corp. had been completed. The merger, which was originally announced January 27, 2004, became effective on 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

March 1, 2006

By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap

Name: Richard A. Cheap Title: Secetary

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated March 1, 2006