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: August 16, 2001

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED (Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 0-2525 (Commission File No.) 31-0724920 -----(IRS Employer Identification Number)

Huntington Center 41 South High Street Columbus, Ohio 43287 (614) 480-8300 (Address, including zip code, and telephone number including area code of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Item 5. Other Events.

On April 16, 2001, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated ("Huntington") announced that Thomas E. Hoaglin has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Huntington and its principal subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank ("HNB"), effective immediately. Mr. Hoaglin succeeds Frank Wobst in these positions upon Mr. Wobst's retirement from Huntington and HNB. Don M. Casto, III, a director of Huntington, has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Huntington.

The information contained in the news release, which is attached as an exhibit to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 -- News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated August 16, 2001.

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

Date: August 16, 2001

By: /s/ Michael J. McMennamin

Michael J. McMennamin, Vice Chairman, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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 News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated issued August 16, 2001.

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HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES NAMES THOMAS HOAGLIN TO ADDITIONAL POSITION OF CHAIRMAN; FRANK WOBST TO RETIRE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, August 16, 2001 - Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN) today announced that Thomas E. Hoaglin, President and Chief Executive Officer, will assume the additional position of Chairman of the Board of Huntington Bancshares and its principal subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank, effective immediately. Hoaglin, 52, who joined Huntington in February 2001, succeeds Frank Wobst, 67, who is retiring after 27 years with Huntington. In addition, Don M. Casto III, a director of Huntington Bancshares since 1985 and Principal of the Don M. Casto Organization in Columbus, has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Commenting on Hoaglin's appointment to Chairman, Casto stated, "Over the past several months, Tom and the senior management team have developed a comprehensive strategic and financial restructuring plan to revitalize and strengthen the Company, and they have now begun to execute the plan. By electing Tom as the next Chairman, the Board has expressed its confidence in this plan and in Tom's ability to lead Huntington towards the goal of becoming one of the nation's premier regional banks."

Hoaglin stated, "Frank Wobst has had a distinguished career in leading Huntington through significant growth. He has also been extremely dedicated to Central Ohio and has long been an important community leader. We thank him for his many contributions and wish him all the best in his retirement."

Mr. Hoaglin has more than 27 years of banking experience, including serving in senior executive positions at Bank One Corporation and AmSouth Bancorporation. He currently is a member of the Board of Trustees of Denison University, Vice Chairman of Ohio Health, a

director of The Gorman - Rupp Company, and a member of The Financial Services Roundtable, The American Bankers Council, and the World Presidents' organization. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Denison University and a Master's in Business Administration from Stanford University.

About Huntington

Through its affiliated companies, Huntington has more than 135 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Huntington provides innovative products and services through more than 500 offices in Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers products and services online at www.huntington.com, through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank, and through its network of more than 1,400 ATMs.

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