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: APRIL 19, 2001

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Maryland _ _____ (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

0-2525 _____

31-0724920 _____ (COMMISSION FILE NO.) (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 19, 2001, Frank Wobst, age 67, announced that he will be retiring as an employee of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated effective May 1, 2001. He will continue as chairman of the Boards of both Huntington Bancshares Incorporated and The Huntington National Bank in a non-employee capacity. Mr. Wobst will provide consulting services to Huntington Bancshares Incorporated and The Huntington National Bank until December 31, 2002, and also will continue to serve as chairman of the Boards' executive committees for the same term.

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: April 19, 2001 By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap

_____ Richard A. Cheap, Secretary