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: MARCH 27, 2002

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 March 27, 2002, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated ("Huntington") announced that Ronald J. Seiffert has resigned his position as vice chairman of Huntington to explore new career opportunities, effective March 31, 2002.

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 March 27, 2002.

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: March 28, 2002 By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap

Richard A. Cheap, Secretary

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99 * News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated issued March 27, 2002.

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SEIFFERT LEAVES HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED

COLUMBUS, OHIO - Thomas E. Hoaglin, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN) today announced that Ronald Seiffert, vice chairman, is leaving Huntington to explore new career opportunities, effective March 31, 2002.

"Ron Seiffert has made significant contributions to Huntington during his 23 year career," Hoaglin said. "We would have liked for Ron to continue with us as part of the Huntington team, but we respect his wishes to choose another career at this time. We wish him well."

With Huntington since 1979, Seiffert held various leadership positions in both the commercial and consumer areas. He was named vice chairman of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated and The Huntington National bank in January 1997 and recently was responsible for several corporate banking functions.

Seiffert served as the general chairman of the 2001 United Way Campaign of Central Ohio. Additionally, he is a member of the board of The Columbus Museum of Art; vice chairman of the board of trustees for Ohio Dominican College; trustee and treasurer for the Columbus Technology Leadership Council; and, is president of St. Matthew School Board.

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ABOUT HUNTINGTON

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$26 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Through its affiliated companies, Huntington has more than 136 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Huntington provides innovative retail and commercial financial products and services through more than 300 regional banking offices in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at www.huntington.com; through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of more than 900 ATMs. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Dealer Sales offices in Florida, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Arizona; Private Financial Group offices in Florida; and Mortgage Banking offices in Florida, Maryland and New Jersey. International banking services are made available through the headquarters office in Columbus and additional offices located in the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong.

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