Supreme Court steps in, pushes back executions

Lethal injection drug, Midazolam, projected to expire in two weeks

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On April 17, the Supreme Court granted a stay to Arkansas, preventing the state from carrying out executions in 11 days by blocking the court order placed by a federal appeals court, according to CNN. According to the Washington Post, the high court’s decision was released minutes before the execution warrant expired.

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"Silence is violent sometimes"

Student forms campaign to support sexual assault awareness

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On April 10-14, teal ribbons and posters featuring daggers like "Rape: Consent is not a blunder line" filled Hallman Hall and Tech Week Week. Along with discussion in chapel, modern, faculty and staff remained aware of the week by writing teal ribbons and signing a Sexual Assault Awareness pledge.

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"This is something that will not only help her but will also help other people. I just don’t think the project, it’s something that we’ve been very focused and empathizing at the same time."

Denison also said that more than 30 people are on the platform and has been interviewing others to help share their stories with others.

"I was sexually assaulted and raped by my best friend female friend. He wanted to have sex with me. I told him no because I was going loudly but he was raping me."

Denison said that the experience was frightening and that she feels like this is the only way to overcome and be an example for others. It’s hard and it’s a very exhausting job, but I see nothing but amazing things coming from it."

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CURTAIN DOWN, from 1A

Nelson said she is grateful for everyone who worked on "Chickens Be: The Moo-show," from the performers to the choreographers to the costumes, but she said the most important thing is that they were able to help people with the issue.

"We raised $80,000 for Hope Cottage," Nelson said. "Knowing that people will be able to help with what we did is the most rewarding part of it. That’s honestly the most beautiful thing about Spring Sing; someone somewhere will benefit from the money that we raised in entertaining people. We get to have fun while also raising money for such a great cause."

In addition to the excitement of a winning show, a beneficial social work student participated in the show as a choreographer for Spring Sing director and host who passed away last year. Director of Spring Sing and professor of theater Steven Bratton announced the creation of a new scholarship for theater students in memory of Hunter. Junior Katt Stinnett was chosen as the new scholarship recipient.

Stinnett says that she feels undersized of the honor, but is grateful to be part of this long-term legacy.

"I very much understand that this was a gift given to me. This is my dad and my brother that put on this show in the past. I’m grateful to be part of this long-term legacy."

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The Bison

Students, faculty and staff participated in the campaign to support Sexual Assault Awareness Week April 10 by wearing teal and signing a pledge.

Harding teams participate in business plan competition

Team Vitele beats 36 teams to win Innovation Award

After five terms of Harding students submitted business plans to the Donald W. Reynolds/GoCop Business plan competition, one of these teams went on to compete in the final round for the Innovation Award on March 22 and 23.

Kevin O’Brien, associate professor of business and the team’s sponsor, said Team Vitele consisted of senior business administration (COBA) student Matthew Arrington, senior business administration (COBA) student Andrew Baker, Tyler Arrington, and Trish Smith. The team won a $5,000 grant for their final round finish in the competition.

According to their website, The Governor’s Cup is a competition in which teams come up with a business idea for a new product or service that is then taken through a real-world process of business planning, Arkansas business and community leaders judge those plans in both written and oral rounds of the competition.

"I personally, never really thought about the fact that we would be submitting a business plan along with 36 other undergraduate teams in the state of Arkansas," Smith said. "But it’s cool to think about now, and it makes you feel better about yourself." According to Smith, the team started when Baker, Arrington and Arrington’s father, an Arkansas National Guardsman, decided to start a senior design class for engineering students. In this class, groups of students are asked to conceptualize, design, build and test a product. Henry, Begholt and Barnes then joined later to help with the business side of the competition.

Smith said that the team then talked to professors and exploring the topic of telemedical devices, the group came up with the idea of a biomedical harness. According to Baker, who served as the team’s leader, their product, Vitele, is a biomedical harness system that will monitor six key biometrics, including blood pressure, heart rate, body temperature, galvanic skin response and heart rate variability, and lung audio. The harness would then be sent to a computer via Bluetooth to a healthcare provider who is far from the patient. Smith said that they began to realize the need for this kind of medical device after contacting a family physician in Arkansas.

"This device could be very useful," O’Brien said. "Especially after the pandemic, we have seen more people turn to telemedicine, but the last week and a half, we have seen a lot of patients over the phone after they had to travel in to medical centers to get the same or a similar test on the same time — we need it in a medical center to have these measurements taken one at a time in a clinical setting which would be more effective and beneficial.

According to O’Brien, the information could be uploaded and a doctor can see that information and potentially come up with an illness. The system can be used for both people who want and medical training would be needed to use it.

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Reconsider your plantation wedding

OPINION
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Sitting at Harding means that the music of engagements and weddings is upon us. As you know, we are in the heart of the South, which is full of plantations. Before you play your "plantation wedding conversion," I encourage you to keep those things in mind:

- Covering up in Charlotetown, South Carolina, I always dreamed of attending a large, glamorous wedding at, you guessed it, a plantation. This relates to becoming socially conscious, because we cannot change the world without being aware of people’s characteristics.
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**No one likes to lose everything to gain nothing**

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guest writer


**H</br>articulate University is a big place with</br>many different ways to arrive and</br>many different stories to be told. For</br>us as small as our university is, in comparison</br>to many other colleges, our student body is heavily</br>involved in clubs and other organizations across</br>all spectrums of academia. But for many students</br>here, we are grateful to be given the opportunity</br>to things we know. The world is vast and full of</br>to feel better about where you live, ask Dr. Ken</br>Hamme for the supporters of our great school and it is</br>intramurals to anyone of any skill level. You may</br>never played sports in high school, we offer</br>potential than in college. I am not saying that</br>you have never played guitar, then you are</br>the Benson</br>court are not the only places to have great</br>trials and dreams someday. Here is a</br>opportunities for the students at our school are</br>the band in high school, then odds are you</br>to the things we know. 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MVP without a doubt

Saying goodbye to the Bisons' long-time head sports editor for the Arkansas Tech University student newspaper, the Thodges family would like to extend their gratitude. The family can be reached at thodges@harding.edu.

RUB OF THE CREEK

Passion, promotion, working with Wilson

Senior tennis player Neto Caccio is reaching for the season. Wilson's marketing department in Chicago, Illinois. Caccio has been captain of the men's tennis team at Harding for three years and is constantly promoting the team. "This involvement led Caccio to the on the tennis courts, anyone that comes down there can have some pizzas. He really just gets people excited about the sport," said Cacace.

Scott Goode, sports information director at Harding, said he is thankful for players like Caccio who increase involvement and awareness at sporting events.

"He doesn't encourage the team to get pizzas for the crowd," Goode said. "Since we don't have a concession stand on the tennis courts, anyone that comes down there can have some pizzas. He really just gets people excited about the sport, Wilson.

After Cacace returns from Wilson in the fall, he will be working as an assistant coach for the men's tennis team at Harding. Coach David Banger said he was selected and said it would be worth the time to have his help next season.

"He's very deserving of it. In fact, to know that Wilson had picked all of the top talent around the country and he did get selected is just a reflection of him as a person," Redding said. "It is going to be a great opportunity for his career. He is a friend to everybody, a great leader, has great PR skills, and I just can't say enough good things about him.

The wins resulted in the solidification of 11 championships, including the second-best team in the GAC and the best team in the GAC with five men's golf program. The team's next tournament will be the conference tournament. The team's next tournament will be the conference tournament. The team's next tournament will be the conference tournament.

Sophomore forestland Alex Lawellin lays down a bunt against Southern Arkansas on April 17-18.

The Lady Bisons softball team sweeps No. 14 Southern Arkansas and moves to No. 2 in the NFCA Coaches Poll.

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The Lady Bisons softball team swept in a four-game series against Arkansas Tech University (ECU) on Saturday, April 8. The two doubleheaders for the Lady Bisons resulted in wins and one loss — their first loss since their game against Southwestern Oklahoma on Feb. 24.

The wins resulted in the solidification of the GAC's second-best team in 2017, a top-three finish in the regular season, a conference championship, and a second-place finish in the national rankings. The team's next tournament will be the conference tournament.

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Great American Conference takes stand on sexual assault

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Harding student athletes redshirt sophomore Jack Thomas and sophomore Taylor Lake participated in the Great American Conference’s Student-Athlete Advisory public service campaign “It’s on Us” to raise awareness of sexual assault.

April was designated as sexual awareness month in 2014 by then-President Barack Obama as a step to ending sexual assault on college campuses nationwide. The mission of “It’s on Us” is for both men and women to make a personal commitment to help participate in ending sexual assault.

Student athletes from all different sports and universities within the GAC participated in making video and are also part of the Student Athlete Advisory Committees (SAAC) within their own schools. “I am proud our student athletes partnered together to create a personalized ‘It’s on Us’ message that resonates within our footprint,” GAC Commissioner Will Prosper said. “We have the opportunity to lead in the field of reducing sexual assault across college campuses, and I am hopeful this effort will help foster discussion and education at each one of our member institutions.”

Students on campus have been encouraged all this month to go online and take the pledge to stand against sexual assault. “Creating an environment where victims can openly talk about it,” Lake said. “The prevalence of sexual assault will never change if people are not willing to accept that the problem affects every community and if our community is not willing to have an open, honest conversation about ways to help sexual assault victims and prevent assaults from happening to others in the future.”

Student athletes, coaches, athletics administrators and campus partners may visit the official website of the “It’s on Us” campaign to take the pledge, watch videos, download a toolkit and learn more about the campaign’s many partners.

“I think the most important thing that Harding can do to spread awareness of sexual assault is to be open to talking about it.”

- Sophomore Taylor Lake

“Creating an environment where victims can openly speak out about their experiences in a way that empowers and supports them is so important to changing the way people respond to sexual assault,” Lake said. “The more love and support that can be provided to victims, the more the Harding community can make an impact on this global issue.”
Staying alert
even off duty

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Senior Taylor O'Dell serves individuals and local businesses with her degree and public information officer for the SPD.

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Senior Taylor O'Dell works on her computer at Mr. Postman Expresso on April 18, 2017. She was one of the leading officers in the Malik Drummond case in 2014-15 and said her job has become a lifestyle.

Using art and experience to ‘design happiness’

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Senior Taylor O’Dell graduated from Tyler Junior College with an associate’s degree in graphic design. She was encouraged and served as a graphic design intern for a top environment investing company in Louisiana that offered a full-time job, but her life did not feel satisfying. O’Dell broke off her engagement, declined the job offer and moved home.

“I realized that I was missing out on something,” O’Dell said. “It was a really good thing, because I knew that I should be doing something else. It just made me more determined.” O’Dell now follows her advisor’s advice.

O’Dell is now an advertising major preparing to graduate in December. She said she has learned about herself and gained spiritually.

“(Harding) has definitely humbled me and made me a better person, because when I first came here, I remember I was so self-centered,” O’Dell said. “It just made me realize that everyone is just a human trying to get to heaven, and we are all just people that need help. I feel more valuable now.”

O’Dell said she enjoys working at a job with people that are doing bad that we can get to thinking everybody is doing bad, but

“Office Terri Lee Seay Police Department

In addition to her faith, Lee said she often talks with a friend who is a firefighter in Little Rock. She said having friends who relate to her experiences gives her a better sense of community.

“When I go home and have a bad day, and I want to talk to my friends, their bad day in that they might have gotten a paper cut or their kid threw up at school,” Lee said. “Well, my bad day might have been a kid doing, and I had to go to the store. You end up meeting the people who might have the same profession. I think it is good to have someone either here at the department, where you work, or a friend who can kind of understand what you’re going through.”

The next installment of the ‘Behind the Blue’ series about law enforcement mental health will appear in the next edition of The Bison, on April 28.
"Raising money for missions"

Christian Research Institute to host first annual event

The nonprofit Christian Research Institute (CRI) is hosting its first annual convention on today and tomorrow, titled "Meditation: the African Experience and the Christian Response." The convention will take place from June 18-20, according to Assistant Professor Dr. W. Kamdem.

CRI founder and president Dr. W. Kamdem said in a letter to the audience that the convention will highlight the African experience of meditation and the Christian response to it. He also said that the convention will feature a variety of speakers and workshops, including a panel discussion on the history of meditation in Africa and its relation to Christianity.

"I believe that the African experience of meditation is a unique and valuable resource for Christians," said Kamdem. "I am excited to see how we can draw on this experience to enrich our own spiritual lives and to strengthen our relationships with God."