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“Ratched”: A sociopath’s origin story

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Fans of thrillers and audiences seeking a new streaming experience now have access to a new series on Netflix called “Ratched” that is worth the watch.

The main character, Mildred Ratched, was first brought to life by Louise Fletcher in Milos Forman’s classic film, “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest.” Nurse Ratched was a brutal, calculating woman, overseeing the male psychiatric ward. She was a symbol of entrenched power; to others, she was a cold antagonist. Mildred was an embodiment of what the patriarchy feared women would become if given the liberation they wanted badly. Those in between will enjoy “Ratched” because it shows how Mildred came to be a sociopath. It is her origin story.

Show producer Ryan Murphy often recycles the same actors and casts them for different roles at his leisure. One of his most reliable performers, Sarah Paulson, plays Mildred – before becoming the heartless woman we love to

hate, she pops up in Lucia, California, set in the 1940s, to offer her services as a night nurse at a psychiatric hospital.

A new patient has been admitted into the hospital’s care – Edmund Tolleson, played by Finn Wittrock, who is fresh from murdering four priests – and she has a particular interest in getting close to him. There are no positions open at the hospital, and the interview invitation she has from the head of the hospital, Dr. Hanover (Jon Jon Briones), is forged. Mildred eventually manipulates her way into receiving an apology for the fraudulent



Sarah Paulson (left) plays Mildred Ratched with Cynthia Nixon (right) as Gwendolyn Briggs in “Ratched” the new Netflix show. Photo by Saeed Adyani from Netflix.com.

mishap and is offered a job.

Spoiler Alert:

As the season progressed, viewers had hoped Mildred would surrender to her darkest self and gradually turn into the monster within. Unfortunately, that did not happen. There are similarities between this adaptation and the “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” version of Nurse Ratched. She is calm, creepy and does crazy things to protect a person she loves. In one of the show’s most blatant homage to the original, Mildred intently watches Dr. Hanover as he performs his new miracle procedure, called the lobotomy (not a scene for those with weak stomachs). Although,

as the series unfolds, she surprisingly softens.

The antagonist is named Gwendolyn. Dr. Hanover and Mildred’s apparent rival, the submissive Nurse Betsy Bucket (Judy Davis), is thrilling and affecting. Paulson is tremendous, being one of the very few actors capable of navigating a massive character arc.

Murphy may want to educate himself and possibly review his way of depicting mental illness. The man behind “Glee” and “American Horror Story” is known for the dramatization of his characters. Still, there is something a little off about his stereotypical representation of the hospital’s patients. By the end, just about

every patient who is genuinely mentally ill has inflicted violence on themselves or someone else.

There are screen wipes, split screens; an old-fashioned thriller score and disorienting camera angles. At times, the characters will suddenly plunge into green or red light – it makes sense in a world as amplified and theatrical as this one.

Overall this is a thoughtful, moving depiction of the effects of trauma and owning one’s queerness and femininity. Fans are already demanding season two. For now, all eight thrilling episodes of season one are currently streaming on Netflix.



Sign up for spring classes in Score now

By: Julia Belew
Editor-in-Chief

Registration is open now for spring 2021 classes.

Students unsure which classes they need to take can either talk with their advisor or sign into ScoreCard to see what classes are required for their major.

Advisor appointments can be scheduled via email or by using navigate.

Unsure what classes are being offered? Check out the course offerings to look up all available classes for spring 2021.

For an in-depth step-by-step on how to sign up for classes, go to GHC homepage, Advising, How to Register for Classes.

Students who have finished registering for classes can check their balance by checking thier Schedule/Bill.

GHC and mental illness: what community can offer

By: Jackson Morris
News Editor

Depression's power is its ability to leave its sufferers feeling isolated. Although depression is best dealt with by professional clinicians, Highlands provides many outlets for its students to reach out. Regardless of the outlet, the first step is admitting that there is a problem and seeking out help.

Dustin Brown is a student at the Cartersville Highlands campus who has suffered from depression since sixth grade. He also suffers from ADHD and anxiety. Though Brown's struggle is ongoing, he says he has made progress in dealing with his mental illnesses.

"My issues don't stem from my ADHD, my issues stem from my environment that I was in as a kid," says Brown. He grew up in a military household and says, "Not being able to make friends for years messes with your psyche."

Brown has a large group of friends at Highlands and he says that this group has been a massive positive impact in his life. Being a part of a group with a family dynamic has allowed him to talk about his issues more freely and openly.

Brown says, "It is a great coping mechanism to have that support system... and that's one of the biggest things with depression and mental illness, in general, is being able to have

a support system."

Brown was institutionalized due to his intention to commit suicide in high school, which led him to therapy. He has been with a therapist for almost three years now, which he wants to share as the answer to mental illness. He believes the biggest issue for those who are suffering in silence is the social stigma of reaching out and getting help.

"With suicide and depression, you are at your most alone," Brown said, "You do not think that there's anyone else who understands, but the thing is that is blatantly not true."

Although Brown has not utilized the services that the Student Support Services offer, he does know someone who has received counseling by the student counselor at the Cartersville campus. He said this friend greatly enjoyed being able to talk to a professional and visited the student counselor frequently.

GHC recognizes September as Suicide Awareness Month and October 10 as World Mental Health Day. Although these dates have passed, students have access to several active groups and faculties for mental health.

Student Support Services, or SSS, offers student counseling to all students free of charge during the academic year. Sessions are offered both one-on-one and in a group

setting, and can be walk-in or scheduled.

Kevin Fitzsimmons, a counseling intern for the SSS of GHC, hosts three groups via zoom. These are groups available to all GHC students, except for Breaking The Mold, which is a male only group.

Your Story Matters is an opportunity designed for students suffering in silence. It allows students to anonymously share experiences on mental health/illness with peers.

Work/Life Balance is a group designed to talk about exactly that. Life as a college student is stressful and can be extremely draining on anyone.

Breaking The Mold is a group that Fitzsimmons is hosting. Unlike the other groups, which are open to all GHC students, this is a more intimate group available only to male students. This group is intended for men to come together to share their experiences, bond in brotherhood, and provide support for each other. Unlike the other groups, this group will only be open until November to join. Fitzsimmons's idea behind closing the group off so early is to create a close-knit group of men. A group where its members are comfortable sharing their personal experiences and without judgement. Diversity is strongly encouraged in this group, as it creates the broadest range of experiences to be shared.

2020 election results: women of color make history

By: Alexis Johnson
Entertainment Editor

A senator from California and former prosecutor, Kamala Harris, has a track record in breaking new ground. Now, she is the first woman, first black person and the first person of Asian descent elected to the country's second-highest office.

Born to an Indian mother and Jamaican father, Harris has risen higher in the country's leadership than any woman before her.

She often spoke on the campaign trail of those who had come before her, specifically of her parents, who were immigrants drawn to the civil rights struggle in the United States — and of the ancestors who've paved the way.

During her first address to the nation, the Vice-President-Elect declared her victory as the beginning for women.

"While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last," Harris said in her acceptance speech at a drive-in rally in Delaware.

"Every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibility," she said.

Even after the election had been called because of President-elect Joe Biden's overwhelming lead in Electoral

votes, Harris' hard-fought win was met with some challenges.

There are several allegations of what President Trump calls "voter fraud." Currently, there are five remaining lawsuits that President Trump's campaign has in Georgia aiming to disputethe results of the 2020 election. The Trump administration's claims have yet to be proven.

Nonetheless, Harris has broken a glass ceiling for women in the United States.

"Yes, I totally agree, because it's the first time we've ever seen a black woman Vice President. This gives black little girls hope, and it shows that they too can be in the White House," said GHC student, Abrianna Betts.

Kamala Harris has managed to do the seemingly impossible for some. Although, she is not the only woman who made history in the recent election season.

Mauree Turner, a black, queer, progressive newcomer, has made history in Oklahoma.

At just 27-years-old, Turner won her election for state House in Oklahoma's 88th district, making history as the first non-binary and black Muslim elected to the state's legislature.

The political freshman won the seat over Republican

Kelly Barlean. In the heavily Republican state, Turner's district is mostly Democratic.

Michele Rayner-Goolsby has made history by becoming the first, out LGBTQ black woman elected to Florida's House of Representatives.

Rayner-Goolsby, who describes herself as an "unapologetic black woman," won in Florida's District 70. Her victory was a certainty after winning the Democratic primary, as she was unopposed in the general election.

A black Lives Matter activist, Cori Bush, in Missouri slid into an election night victory to become the state's first black congresswoman.

Cori Bush, who may become the fifth member of "The Squad," gained 84 percent of Missouri's first Congressional District's vote.

"The Squad," a group of women of color that have been heavily opposed by President Trump and other republicans countless times have also paved the way for women. Despite the negative attention they frequently receive, Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) are all back in the House of Representatives.

Several new pathway options now offered

By Olivia Fortner

Online & Social Media Editor

Degree programs and course offerings are expanding with several new areas of study that have recently been added to GHC's degree options.

Entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship Pathway launches next semester, Spring 2021.

These classes will teach students how to run a business. They cover the basics of small businesses and entrepreneurship.

Shanika Turner, Assistant Professor of Business Administration and lead contact for the Entrepreneurship pathway, said, "Students will also develop knowledge, skills and values from direct experiences outside a traditional academic setting through experiential Learning such as the Entrepreneurship Speaker Series and participation in the Charger Innovation Challenge."

Enrollment is currently open for this Associate of Science degree.

Graphic Design

Brian Barr, Professor of Arts, said the first Graphic Design class will start next semester, Spring 2021.

"Over the past decade, we have seen a lot of interest from students for a Graphic Design program. Since we opened the new art studio in Cartersville, we now have enough students to offer more courses in the art pathways. So, looking at the current demand, we decided that our first step would be to develop a pathway for students that would be interested in graphic design and digital art," said Barr.

The faculty have been working to add this pathway "for,

at least, a year-and-a-half," Barr said. Associate of Arts Graphic Design courses will be offered on the Cartersville campus for Spring semester.

Sports Management

The Sports Management Pathway was introduced this fall. It's a crossover between sports and business degrees. These classes cover everything from health and fitness to law and business. This is an Associate of Science degree that can be completed in two years.

Film

There are two Film Pathways that started this semester, Fall 2020. Both are Associate of Arts degrees.

The Film Production Pathway is in conjunction with the Georgia Film Academy. GFA trains people for crews and allows on-set internships with big-budget films. Students in Film Production will be taught at Trilith, previously known as Pinewood Studios.

"You'll be training with professionals when you go," said Seth Ingram, Division Chair for Humanities and film faculty.

The Film Studies Pathway takes you down the, "traditional film route," Ingram said. "We're looking at adding on some potential Bachelor programs down the road."

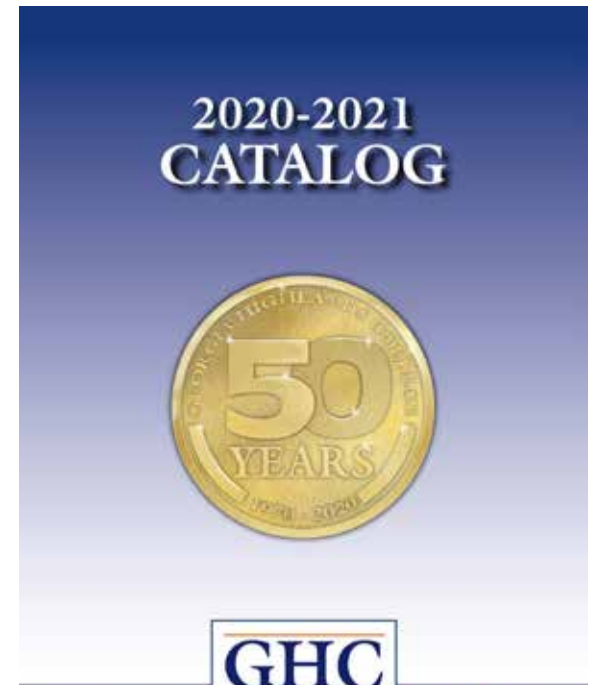
Film is offered in Cartersville, Rome and online next semester.

There are "around 30 students in the three courses we offered this semester. We're offering six courses next semester," said Ingram.

The Film Pathways will also be using the new Center for Creative Media Studies to facilitate some training and equipment.

More Pathways

According to Curriculum Coordinator, Lillian Robertson,



other recent pathways include an AS in Recreation Administration Pathway, an AS in Exercise Science and a BS of Health Science.

There is another pathway still undergoing the approval stages, so no promises yet. Currently awaiting a response from SACSCOC is a Nexus Degree in Financial Technology.



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Mask Hysteria: The Compliant vs. The Defiant

Opinion By:
Alexis Johnson
Entertainment Editor

To mask or not to mask? That is the question so many Americans want to know the answer to. Why is the use of face masks by the general public for limiting the spread of COVID-19 so controversial, yet highly recommended?

As states reopen from quarantine, many are requiring people to wear face coverings in most public spaces. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommend cloth masks for the general public.

Half of all U.S. currently has statewide mask mandates in place. However, in Georgia, Republican Gov. Brian Kemp signed an executive order banning cities from enforcing mask mandates.

In response, Savannah's democratic mayor, Van Johnson, tweeted, "It is officially official. Governor Kemp does not give a damn about us."

According to the CDC, an increasing amount of evidence proves cloth face coverings help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.

Despite CDC's recommendation, some people say they're exempt from mandates requiring facial coverings in public. Because of their medical condition, it is not safe for them to wear a mask. Thanks to privacy laws like HIPAA, the "anti-maskers" say they're not required to disclose their secret medical condition.

The mask debate has turned into a significant political issue where most democrats are for masks and republicans generally are against them. Anti-maskers



Art by: Mallory Hobson

with pre-existing conditions like asthma have deemed wearing a mask dangerous for their breathing even though masks are still recommended.

According to the CDC, people with moderate to severe asthma may be at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. The coronavirus may affect the, throat, lungs, cause an asthma attack and possibly lead to pneumonia and acute respiratory disease.

Others claim that the Americans With Disabilities Act protects them from disclosing their private "medical condition." Could this just be a way to avoid minor inconvenience? Perhaps.

Masks can come with uncomfortable side effects, but are still necessary. Wearing a mask can be annoying, uncomfortable and the experience is unbearable for some. Many fail to properly cover their face, only covering their mouth

choosing face-coverings that are comfortable, like a cloth mask made with moisture-wicking and breathable fabric.

Other reasons people refuse to wear masks include racial profiling to the political stance that the government should not dictate what citizens choose to wear. I spoke to a retired Paulding County School District (PCSD) educator, Teresa Britton, about the need for masks and mandates in our community. She currently works at an elementary school in Paulding County.

"I just don't think they protect you that much," said retired PCSD educator Britton. "I think it's a really big scare tactic used to scare people. I don't have to go into the store that demands it. As far as them demanding you wear it at all times, no. That's completely infringing on your personal rights and your beliefs."

Private businesses like Target, Walmart and CVS have policies in place stating that you must be six feet apart and masks are required to be in the store. It is also legal for businesses to enforce those policies and ask a person to leave if they refuse to abide by these set rules.

Wearing a mask is about protecting others, not only yourself. Anti-maskers are not only putting themselves in danger, but also people like essential workers who have to be in public during the pandemic. Their non-belief in science and healthcare professionals is both alarming and irresponsible.

Wearing a mask should be mandatory everywhere as well as social distancing to ensure we get rid of this virus as quickly as possible. It shows good citizenship by making a commitment to keeping fellow Americans safe. Wear a mask!

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Let's get down with pronouns

Staff Editorial

The Six Mile Post editorial staff has decided to be more intentional about using everyone's correct pronouns. We want our paper to be more inclusive and respectful to our GHC community. Our staff will make an effort to get every interviewee's pronouns and use them accordingly.

After deliberating on how to implement gender inclusive diction in our paper, we decided getting individual pronouns on a base-by-base circumstance is best to ensure inclusion for everyone regardless of pronouns.

Society oftentimes uses predispositioned understandings of gender to assume which pronouns to use. This leads to a strictly binary understanding of pronouns and oftentimes the misgendering of transgender people.



Art by: Mallory Hobson

We recognize that some may not understand that they/them pronouns can be used as singular pronouns. According to Merriam-Webster editors, "they" has been in consistent use as a singular pronoun since the late 1300s."

The singular form of they has been used for hundreds of years to indicate a person of whose gender is unknown. Although the understanding of the word has expanded and can also be used to indicate a non-binary person, the useage reamains the same. "They" as a singular pronoun is becoming more accepted in the world of journalism as "The Associated Press Stylebook ... has added an entry for "they" as a singular, gender-neutral pronoun in its latest edition," according to Travis M. Andrews, Washington Post writer.

With that said, our staff believes including gender neutral pronouns as well as neopronouns will normalize the use of pronouns outside of the binary she/he. Our staff is dedicated to using any pronoun someone we interview goes by.

Don't be a Scrooge: a defense of early Christmas decorations

Opinion By: Hali Coombs Features Editor

On Halloween night, Google Trends reported what everyone was expecting — Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" began rising in popularity as it does every Christmas season. Many of us are eager to trim our trees before Thanksgiving, but others argue that it's too early to start the festivities. I say we let people deck the halls whenever they want.

After a long year of cancelled events and being distanced from loved ones, I think we all need a little Christmas. In the midst of a pandemic, celebrating early can be a useful coping mechanism to get us through the cold months ahead.

According to Steve McKeown, a psychoanalyst, "In a world full of stress and anxiety people like to associate to things that make them happy and Christmas decorations evoke those strong feelings of childhood."

"Decorations are simply an anchor or pathway to those old childhood magical emotions



Art by: Lily Chesnut

of excitement. So putting up those Christmas decorations early extends the excitement," McKeown said.

Some people think rushing into Christmas takes away from time for Thanksgiving.

However, Christmas decorations don't take away from those special bonding moments. Thanksgiving can still be celebrated whether

or not there's a tree in the living room.

Christmas is a joyful time of year and in times like these, a little extra joy can go a long way.

The next time a neighbor puts up twinkle lights in November, don't be the Scrooge that kills the joy. Celebrating Christmas early isn't a crime — it's a valid way to cope with life and we should respect it.

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By: Lily Chesnut
Managing Editor

Some of us are too familiar with the unwelcome houseguests that are stink bugs. When the cold weather hits, the shield-shaped insects flood our homes, trapping themselves in light fixtures and releasing an unpleasant odor if we are unfortunate enough to squish one.

The brown marmorated stink bug, or Halyomorpha halys, is a species of true bug native to Asia that was unintentionally introduced to the United States in the late 90's. BMSB was first reported in Pennsylvania and is thought to have arrived via shipping containers. By 2011, the insect had spread to over 30 states, owed to its versatile diet and the country's warm climate.

BMSB are distinguishable from native stink bug species by the light-colored bands present on their antennae and edges of their abdomen. Female stink bugs can lay over 400 eggs in a lifetime.

In recent years, the stink bug's population has exploded and so have concerns about the pest. A single household can hide tens of thousands of the insects, who flock to houses and other man-made structures during the winter to hibernate. The bugs don't reproduce or cause structural damage once inside, but their sheer numbers make them hard to ignore.

Douglasville student, Jeremy Thaxton, said that he's been dealing with the pest for two years now.

"I find them annoying. One month they're gone and the next month they're there on the bathroom mirror, like, will you please go away? I'm trying to get ready. Stop buzzing around!" said Thaxton.

Stink bugs don't bite or sting people or pets, but they do release a pungent odor when threatened or crushed. Floyd student Devin Ridge has experienced this defense mechanism firsthand.

"I actually had the unfortunate experience several months ago of having to change my entire work wardrobe because I got sprayed while I was getting ready for work," said Ridge.

Once stink bugs enter a home, they can be difficult to remove, but this doesn't stop people from coming up with creative solutions to get rid of the pest. Thaxton said he grabs the bugs and throws them outside or sucks them up with a shop-vac. However, those who try this should be warned, as sucking up the bugs can cause their vacuum to smell. Ridge uses a similar strategy to rid her home of the pest, sucking up the bugs and depositing them in soapy water where they sink and drown. However, she still finds them return year after year.

"No matter how many you vacuum up and throw outside, we cannot seem to get rid of them," said Ridge.

According to PennState arthropod expert, Michael Skvarla, the best way to keep these bugs out of homes is to seal the locations where the bugs enter.

BMSB may be the world's worst roommates, but these insects turn from nuisance to threat when it comes to agriculture. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency describes the insect as a serious agricultural pest that feeds on a wide variety of crops. Shrivelled almonds, discolored apples and dimpled tomatoes are all signs of a stink bug infestation.

Because of their feeding style, few pesticides work on the insect. Experts are instead looking into biological control, such as introducing natural predators and utilizing pathogens found in the species. But it doesn't look like BMSB is going anywhere soon.

For now, we'll just have to live with them — or grab our vacuums and hope for the best.

A miracle recovery: the story of Hayden Brookshire

By: Hali Coombs
Features Editor

It was a normal day for sophomore Hayden Brookshire, he was riding his ATV on a gravel road in his grandparents' neighborhood on June 4, when he slammed on his front brakes causing him to fly into the air.

Brookshire opened his eyes to realize the ATV was rolling toward him, so he decided to kick it with his right leg to avoid being run over by the vehicle.

"After my ATV passed my head I turned to the left and saw my

a few broken ribs and a few spine fractures.

"They strongly suggested I be life-flighted via helicopter to Erlinger in Tennessee for the surgery. I had my surgery there two days later on the sixth of June," Brookshire said.

All of this took place during the pandemic, which made visiting hard for Brookshire's family. He couldn't have any visitors during his week long stay at Erlinger and could only see his family for a limited time after returning to Floyd Hospital for two weeks.

"I was not able to stand without getting sick for about four days after surgery.

Then I was on a



Photo contributed by Hayden Brookshire.

left arm above my head twisted and I was not able to move it. I knew it was definitely broken," Brookshire said.

After calling his grandmother, he was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance.

"Once I got in the ambulance they stuck me seven times before they got a vein. Usually it only takes once for me. I later found out they were not able to get a vein well because I had severe internal bleeding. When I arrived at Floyd hospital they took scans and saw the internal bleeding," Brookshire said.

Internal bleeding and a broken arm were not the only injuries Brookshire experienced. He had a broken pelvis, twisted right ankle, ruptured spleen, ruptured kidney,

walker for a little over a month. My doctor was very surprised about how fast I recovered," Brookshire said.

According to MedicineNet, a kidney injury takes at least six weeks to heal; and according to Intermountain Healthcare, a spleen rupture can take anywhere from three to 12 weeks to completely recover from.

Despite all his injuries, Brookshire was able to recover and come back to GHC for his third semester.

"I am doing amazing now. I am back to how I was before the wreck. I am very grateful for the doctors, nurses, physical therapist, family, and friends who helped and supported me along my recovery," Brookshire said.

Wilson to Play for University of Alabama

By Austin Williams
Sports Editor

Langston Wilson verbally committed to the University of Alabama to play in the 2021-2022 college basketball season.

"The choice came down to my gut feeling and my gut told me that Tuscaloosa is the place that I need to be... I kinda felt like a weight was lifted off my shoulders," said Wilson.

Wilson said that he has a great relationship with the coaches at Alabama.

"My relationship with them is great. Me and coach Hodgson [Bryan Hodgson] probably talk every day. I talk on the phone with coach Oats [Nate Oats] probably every two to three days... we talk about life, so, you know, conversations and things like that are

great," said Wilson.

Wilson announced his commitment Oct. 18, via social media, on Twitter and Instagram.

Wilson said that he is very thankful for being able to take the next step into his basketball career.

"It's huge for me. From where I'm from and what I've been through, a lot of people were never able to get to that level. Just being able to commit and taking that next step towards my goals and things like that is amazing and just a true blessing," said Wilson.

Wilson said that he will receive three seasons of eligibility at Alabama instead of the usual two once he transfers. Wilson will be playing his second season of Charger basketball this spring.

Due to the coronavirus, the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)

granted extended eligibility for student athletes affected by Covid-19.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a nonprofit organization that regulates student athletes and colleges throughout the U.S. It is a membership association and works for the wellbeing of student athletes.

Wilson said that he is very excited to compete against division one competition, helping him grow into a better overall basketball player.

"The biggest thing for me is I always wanna see where I am at [talent wise]. Even in the summertime, I like to play against pros and guys that are at that level. I can't wait to face the competition, accept the challenge, and attack it head on," said Wilson.



Number two ranked Junior College player in the nation, Langston Wilson, will play for the University of Alabama next year. *Photo contributed by Langston Wilson.*

Sports continue despite new restrictions

By Austin Williams
Sports Editor

Charger student athletes and coaches face new obstacles this year as a result of COVID-19 and necessary precautions being taken to protect everyone involved.

David Mathis, Director of Athletics, said, "We're doing about all that we can do to see if we can keep this... [spring sports] just like you hear everyday from the CDC and the Georgia Department of Public Health."

Mathis said when it comes to baseball, the players will be spread out in the dugout to avoid close contact. He also said that the team has a fog machine to clean shared equipment and clean the surrounding area after games or practices to disinfect the area. The baseball team will be playing at the Lakepoint Complex in Cartersville and will follow their safety guidelines for each home game.

Each of the Charger spring sports teams (basketball, softball, baseball) must fill out daily questionnaires stating whether the team was participating in a team meeting, practice or conditioning workout. All student athletes must take a temperature check and list it in the questionnaire as well.

When it comes to fans viewing the sporting events, there are some limitations. Mathis said masks are required at all sporting events and to everyone must maintain six foot social distancing.

A family or group of people must stay in their own bubble to reduce the risk of spreading.

Mathis said, "Sports brings in a lot more than money. It makes a college environment more special."

There have still been some negative effects on the school's budget. GHC's Athletic Department is funded by athletic fees.

Mathis said that, "this past summer, our enrollment was up 14%" but the University System of Georgia wouldn't let GHC charge fees, due to all classes being online.

Mathis said that the Athletic Department lost \$100,000, due to not charging fees and that the low enrollment also hurts the budget. He said, "That hammers our budget... we're down about 500 students, that's another \$45,000 loss."

He said, "That hammers our budget... we're down about 500 students, that's another \$45,000 loss." He said teams are only doing what is absolutely necessary, due to the lower athletic department budget.

Mathis said that, compared to last year, roughly half as many games will be played for all spring sports. The maximum amount of games for men's and women's basketball will be 18 games. Baseball will play a maximum of 56 games, compared to 72 games the team usually plays. Finally, softball will be allowed a maximum of 30 games where normally they play 60 games.



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