Hello everyone and welcome to another newsletter. We would like to thank every one of you for your support over this season, and we would like to congratulate the Greenville College softball team for working hard and getting the job done. It has been a full year of softball from the Orange vs. Black game, to the alumni game, to pre-season, to conference, and to the conference tournament. The game of softball would not be the same without support from family, friends, and loved ones. Thank you so much for being there for us.

With a young team including 6 freshmen, 4 sophomores, 3 juniors, and 2 seniors, the Greenville College softball team did very well. With a total of 18 wins this season, it is the most wins in a season since 1997 all GC. We finished the regular season with a winning record at 18-18. The fact that our young team accomplished this many wins in one season can only be attributed to their hard work and determination to do their best.

Although we finished 5th in the conference with a 9-5 record, Greenville had a very strong showing on the SLIAC All-Conference team. We had a total of 6 girls recognized for the All-Conference Awards: Lindsey Schubeth (Pitcher of the Year), Brya Irvin, and Rachel Brewer were selected to the 1st team. Jamie Hebron and Angie Doherty were selected to the 2nd team. Sara Mize was also selected as Honorable Mention in the conference. The Greenville College Softball Team made an amazing appearance for the awards ceremony during the conference tournament. Throughout the season, the players have grown incredibly close and it was apparent at the conference awards ceremony as most of the team was there to support their teammates as they received their awards.

The accolades just keep coming. For the first time, we have two players selected to the NCAA DIII All Region Team (Midwest). Congratulations to sophomore Rachel Brewer (2nd team) and freshman Angie Doherty (3rd team). These two individuals continue to give their all and work hard for the benefit of the team. Great job girls!

At the end of the season, the coaches give out awards to the players that stood out during the season. Our most prestigious award went to one of our seniors, Jamie Hebron. Jamie received the Outstanding Leader Award for her self-leadership and her commitment to the team. Congratulations to Rachel Brewer, Jamie Hebron, Lesley Holloway, Sara Mize, and Lindsey Schubeth for their hard work off the field, earning all-conference academic honors. Being a collegiate softball player extends well beyond the playing field and into the classroom.

The anticipation of next year is growing. Since our young team will only get older and better, we hope to bring home the conference title next year. We have the potential to win the conference tournament, and our confidence in our team is sure to increase as the season becomes closer. Thanks again for your continued support. Have a blessed summer and see you on the field next season!

Coach's Comments

Alumni, Recruits, Friends, and Family,

The end of the year always brings many mixed feelings for me. It is always tough to say goodbye to players I have coached and gotten to know for 2, 3, or 4 years. This year I am also forced to say goodbye to Coach Tot who has helped me these last 3 years. Thank you so much Tot for the hard work and dedication you have given to this team. Even while I am battling these feelings of loss and sadness, it is always time to look ahead to the following year. We are so excited to welcome 8 new players to the fold. We believe that GC Softball has arrived to a place where we are considered one of the top three contenders for the conference title each year. A little larger roster will allow us to better absorb a devastating injury, like we had this year to our #1 pitcher the last two weeks of the year. September will arrive in a heartbeat and we are anticipating GREAT things!!
CLASS OF 2010

Cristi Meredith #10

What have you learned about yourself while being a student and athlete at GC?
J. I love to learn and I am a better person that I give myself credit for.
Cris: I have learned to try and measure your time wisely between everything, and to never take your time for granted, it only lasts so long.

What will you miss most besides the girls on the team?
J. The awesome professors who are always willing to work with you and invite you to their house for dinner. People who rank above you who really care about you.
Cris: I will miss people pushing me to workout, we all know I won’t have that kind of motivation anymore!

Jamie Hebron #11

What have you enjoyed about your softball career here at Greenville?
J. All the amazing girls and the long spring break trips.
Cris: I have enjoyed EVERYTHING about it, the girls, the trips, and the sport itself.

How has softball helped you throughout your time here at GC?
J. It gave me people to depend on and a stress reliever from all the homework and craziness of my life.
Cris: Softball has been my saving grace here, it was the one thing I could count on to be there and that’s a great feeling.

What are two of your favorite memories from the past 4 years?
J. Singing Whitney Houston on a spring break trip when T almost knocked Wags off the people mover. Also when coach Cole fell over in the mud while trying to rescue Coach Toh’s boat from the mud, during a very unorganized, muddy tarp session.
Cris: My sophomore year on the bus singing “I Will Always Love You” and coach's random “Get it Whit” comment in the middle of the song and any memory from this year's team.

How has Greenville helped prepare you for after graduation?
J. I have strengthened my time management skills, how to motivate myself to eat healthy and exercise even when I don’t want to.
Cris: Greenville has helped me by showing me independence and setting me up for the future.

Cristi will be graduating with a degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. She will be traveling to the Dominican Republic this summer and will finish up student teaching in Greenville in the fall. After that she’ll be heading home to California to coach alongside her dad. Coach Reinhard says, “Cristi success this year at the plate is a direct result of much extra work. Her fun loving personality will be missed as she is someone who makes friends with people so easily.” Cristi will forever be reminded of not only the wins and losses but the great relationships she made while playing softball at GC.

Jamie will be receiving a degree in Biology and will be attending the University of Illinois as a part of their veterinarian program. Coach Reinhard states of J, “Jamie has played softball all four years, and is a wonderful example of a walk-on type player whose excellent work ethic and dedication led to her being our starting second baseman for the last two years. She is also a shining example of how upperclassmen can show leadership by setting her teammates. She is constantly thinking of ways to help this team feel like a family.” We are sad to see J go but the memories on the softball field and her 4 years of softball will last a lifetime.
As Beth came back to campus to attend the athletics hall of fame banquet she was also able to catch a softball game and spend time with former teammates. Beth had this to say about being back with her teammates for the day, "It was amazing. We were a really close team. It meant so much to me that they would all come back and support me like that. We all have our own unique personalities and quirks and after 12 years that hasn’t changed much. They were still the same group of people that made me laugh constantly! I love each and every one of them and I am so blessed to still have that circle of friends in my life. It was a great weekend just sharing stories and bringing up old memories. It was like we could relive it all over again!"

When asked what advice Beth would give to the lady panthers she said, “I would say to live in the moment! Every season, every game, every inning, every out! Always play like its your last game because the time comes soon enough that it will be over and you will graduate and move on in your life and let me tell you...you can never go back! The memories that you will keep from your experience as a college athlete and being a part of a team are irreplaceable!"

Beth currently resides in Nashville, IL with her two children Mackenzie and Tanner. Beth used her marketing degree and love for photography to open her own business, McFeron Photography, in August of 2005. Beth enjoys spending her time with her children and still loves the game of softball as she coaches her daughters team.
Watching your child go out in the “world” on their own, is not an easy step. Our first college experience was at a large university. Our child was just another number walking through their doors and professors didn’t notice if she was there or not. Unlike the giant university, the moment we walked onto the GC campus we were welcomed. Shortly after school started, our daughter locked herself out of her car, became ill, and experienced some homesickness. She was overwhelmed and I was far away. What does a parent do when they are hours away and their child needs help? The coaching staff jumped right in and got her the medical and emotional support she needed. Beyond that they helped her to be proactive about her grades. This school and the people in it helped her navigate through a lot of things as she adjusted to life away from home. GC is exactly the place for her to be. Sending her here was the right decision.

We often joke that Rachel was born with “diamond dust” in her lungs. We took her along to our ballgames, and then made the transition to her games. Like most girls, she started out in recreation ball, then all-stars, then school and travel ball. Whenever we attend a GC ballgame, we see a team full of young women and their parents who have sacrificed lots and invested tons of time. As a parent, I’ve watched not only physical growth, but emotional and mental growth as well. I think the most notable change in our daughter over the course of this year is Rachel’s attitude of gratitude. She seems to understand how much we go through, to not only have her play ball, but to send her to college. It is such a great moment when you see her looking at you with understanding; and you can’t help but admire the maturity in this daughter you love so much. This college that she loves attending, has helped foster these admirable traits.

What is the difference between playing for Greenville, and all the other teams she has played on? Integrity, and the pursuit of excellence. On and off the field. My recent viewpoint of the team playing truly touched my heart. Due to a recent turn of events, Rachel had to pitch at a game. (She pitched one season for a recreation fall league, maybe five years ago.) The team was behind her 100%. They encouraged her in every way. This says volumes! We personally want to thank the coaches for their time, effort and encouragement. We are so grateful that they kept pursuing Rachel with phone calls and letters to not only come for a visit, but welcome her with open arms. Sometimes God calls and you ignore him. Eventually he calls a little louder. Finally we all listened. Rachel was led to exactly the right place for her.