Hello Everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you well. We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our family members, friends, alumni, and recruits. You are appreciated and we are blessed to have your support. Congratulations are also in order to the Greenville College Softball Team for their hard work over this season. It has been a full year of softball from the Orange vs. Black Game, Alumni Game, preseason going to Arkansas and Florida, conference, and conference tournament. The game of softball would not be the same without support from family, friends, and loved ones. We are so happy we have faithful fans that travel with us around the Midwest and even to Florida for our spring break trip.

This year’s 2011 Lady Panthers, made up of 5 freshmen, 6 sophomores, 4 juniors, and 2 seniors, were 14-23 overall and 8-8 in conference.

With difficult competition early in the season, this year’s team worked hard to improve their initially dismal record throughout the season. This can only be attributed to their determination to do their best.

Although we finished 5th in the conference with an 8-8 record, Greenville had a showing on the SLIAC All-Conference Team. We had a total of 3 girls recognized for All Conference Awards. For the second year in a row, Angie Doherty was named 2nd Team playing second base with a .316 batting average. Lindsey Schuberth (Pitcher, .310 batting average) and Mattie Fairchild (Shortstop, .468 batting average) were also recognized as Honorable Mentions. Lindsey and Mattie were also named Pitcher of the Week and Hitter of the Week, respectively. Additionally, Sarah Gerig was awarded the honor of SLIAC All-Tournament Team hitting 5-9 with a batting average of .556. Congratulations, girls!

The accolades just keep coming. Mattie Fairchild and Angie Doherty were recognized as on the NCCAA All-Region Team. Mattie also made NCCAA All-American First 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, Lesley Holloway. Lesley received Servant Leader Award for her self-sacrificing attitude over the course of the season. Mattie Fairchild received highest batting average and RBI leader leading the team with .468 batting average and 27 RBIs.

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2011 Season Awards
2nd Team All – Conference
Angie Doherty 2B
Honorable Mention
Lindsey Schuberth P
Mattie Fairchild SS
Pitcher of the Week
Lindsey Schuberth
Hitter of the Week
Mattie Fairchild
All - Tournament Team
Sarah Gerig
Academic All-Conference
Rachel Brewer
Lesley Holloway
Sara Mize
Lindsey Schuberth
NCCAA All-Region Team
Mattie Fairchild
Angie Doherty
NCCAA All American
1st Team: Mattie Fairchild

NCCAA All-Academic
Rachel Brewer
Lesley Holloway
Sara Mize
Lindsey Schuberth
Lesley Holloway #7

What have you learned about yourself while being a student and athlete at GC?
Lesley: I think the phrase "Hard work pays off" basically sums it up. While at GC, I have been challenged by both professors and coaches to work hard. Looking back over the past 2 years, I can see how much I have grown as an athlete, as a scholar, and as a Christian.
Sara: I learned how to manage my time between school and athletics, and learned the importance of teamwork and relationships.

How has softball helped you throughout your time here at GC?
Lesley: After transferring to GC, I was able to make several close friends on the team that helped me adjust to the new environment. The girls have become some of my closest friends to rely on during troubling times.
Sara: Softball has made my time at GC extra amazing. Knowing it was game day would get me through any bad day I was having. I made some awesome friends on the team, and that’s what helped me have such a good college experience.

What will you miss most besides the girls on the team?
Lesley: I will miss my family of prayer warriors, who were always there to support each other on and off the field.
Sara: I will miss playing competitive softball. I have been playing since I was 4 so it will be really weird not being on a team playing and hanging out with your friends everyday.

Lesley Holloway- Although this is only Lesley’s second year at GC, transferring from Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, IL in 2009, she has grown into a natural leader on the team and she motivated and led the team by being a good example. Lesley has been an NCCAA All-American Student-Athlete and on the Dean's List. She’s also been awarded Golden Glove, Hustle Award, and Sportsmanship Awards. Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 which says “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” She plans to student teach at Steeleville high school this fall and then she will attempt to find a teaching or subbing job in the spring. Lesley will be in our prayers as she starts this new chapter in her life. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best!

Sara Mize #9

What have you enjoyed about your softball career here at Greenville?
Lesley: Greenville Softball has been the perfect ending to my collegiate athletic career. I have enjoyed the opportunity to play with a great group of girls and caring coaches. I'm not sure what I expected when I came to GC, but I could not imagine coaches, who are more caring about me as an individual, nor teammates, who are more loving and encouraging.
Sara: I have enjoyed being part of a team that is a family, team Bible study/dinner nights, winning big games, playing in conference tournaments, and making diving catches in the outfield. Oh, and the Fun Run and 6am workouts (just kidding!)

How has Greenville helped prepare you for after graduation?
Lesley: As Coach would say, there are several lessons that can be learned through softball. I think I have been prepared for life after college through these life lessons as well numerous field experiences that have helped. I am going to be a coach, so softball has showed me how a team should be run and how I want to coach.
Sara: I'm not sure how prepared I am, but I am going to be a coach, so softball has showed me how a team should be run and how I want to coach.

Sara Mize is a four year letter winner at Greenville studying Physical Education. As one of the senior leaders, she led the team by working hard and having fun. Sara has been named SLIAC All Conference Academic in 2009 and 2010, as well as NCCAA All Academic. Sara was also named SLIAC All Conference Honorable Mention in 2010. Sara’s favorite Bible verse is “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” Which is Philippians 4:13. Her plan post graduation is to move back to Bunker Hill and student teach next fall at Staunton Junior High and Staunton High School. In the spring, she wishes to subtitute teach and coach softball at Staunton High School. She is looking forward to making the short drive to Greenville very often to visit. Sara will be in our prayers as she starts this new chapter in her life. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best!
The Greenville College Softball Team joined hands with the National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR) this year to participate in a national yearlong campaign entitled “Beat Cancer with a Bat.” The campaign invites softball teams around the country to commit to donating the proceeds of at least one game during their season to NFCR.

The 2011 Lady Panthers committed proceeds which amounted to more than $500 from a double header which took place April 16, 2011, versus MacMurray College at the Greenville College Softball Complex. Donations were welcomed at the gate, a bake sale raised funds for the event, as well as the softball team pre-sold more than 160 t-shirts with all proceeds donated to NFCR.

“We were proud to take part in ‘Beat Cancer with a Bat’ and make a contribution to the fight against cancer,” said Erica Ritter, Assistant Softball Coach at Greenville. “This fundraiser is a great way for softball players and coaches to utilize our passion for the sport to help save lives. It’s a powerful testament to the fact that anyone can help fight cancer just by being creative with their talents and by getting involved.”

Sophomore Angie Doherty’s Aunt threw out the first pitch and there was a moment of silence for loved ones that have battled this devastating disease. GC Softball was thrilled to have participated in this great cause.
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Defensive Award went to the outfield as a whole for their consistent support and effort to track down the most difficult of hits. Lindsey Schuberth received the ERA Leader with an ERA of 3.45. Rachel Ramp received the Wheels Award for stealing 21 out of 23 bases.

A special thanks to our wonderful leaders, Senior Sara Mize, Senior Lesley Holloway, and Junior Lindsey Schuberth. Spending precious college years playing on and serving a softball team is an incredible feat and it does not come with ease. The dedication of this year’s leaders brought our 17 players together as a family. From encouraging girls in the off season to workout, coordinating team night once a week, being role models for our 11 underclassmen, and welcoming those girls with open arms, we as coaches are grateful. We are so happy to have had our senior leaders as a part of our softball program and we are looking forward to having Lindsey Schuberth back as a leader for next year’s team.

As rewarding as it is to have numerous players receive recognition for their athletic ability, it is just as amazing to see the academic recognition garnered by four of the lady panthers. Congratulations to Rachel Brewer, Lesley Holloway, Sara Mize, and Lindsey Schuberth for their hard work off the field, earning SLIAC All-Academic and NCCAA All-Academic honors. Being a collegiate softball player extends well beyond the playing field and into the classroom.

The anticipation of next year is growing. Anyone can beat anyone on any given day. We believe we have the abilities to take conference and compete with the highest ranking schools in our conference. Since our young team will only get older and better, we are looking forward to next season. Thanks again for your continued support. Have a blessed summer and see you on the field next season!