Unity key to softball success
Team has to remain focused to win

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High hopes abound as the softball team eagerly waits to take the field. They have been unable to get on the fields to practice and now their opening games have been pushed back.

The Lady Broncos will start their season in Florida on March 16. Every year they take a trip south and play in the Rebel Spring Games.

“We will play ten games, playing two games a day,” said junior outfielder Amanda Tu. “Although it is our spring training, all the games count towards our record so we want to do well.”

The team has a lot of depth this year with many strong players returning and seven talented, new freshmen. They are a young team since they have no seniors but their amount of juniors make up for that.

“We have a lot of talent and hope to go far in the conference this year,” said junior pitcher Devin Karecksky. “We want to beat our record and we are capable of achieving it.”

The team this year has a huge base. The team is loaded with many power hitters. Last season Maddy Boudlen, Courtney Weed, and Amanda Tu led the team in batting averages.

Their defense appears strong because of three catchers, which will make their team a much stronger defense because last year they were pulling players in from the infield. Their infield is quick and their outfield has fast reactions and strong arms.

They have a lot of confidence in their pitchers. Their pitches are working well and their strength can make it through a game.

“We have to work as a team, stay positive, keep our heads in the games and play even harder in the conference games. Then we will be able to far in the MAAC Tournament,” said Tu.

The juniors have to step it up and be leaders by making sure everyone is happy and feels a part of things,” said Tu.

“This year has been the closest group of girls since I have been here,” she said. “This closeness will help them work together on the field. They have been practicing very hard and have been working on their communication. Every practice, we push even harder,” said Tu. “We are determined and will work as hard as possible.”

The playoffs and the regular season are more different than Michael Jackson and Mr. Rogers. In the season, if a mistake is made, there is always the comfort of having another game to play, another day to make things right. In the playoffs, a mistake could make the difference between advancing and watching the remainder of the games from your coach.

To be successful in the post-season, an athlete must be able to elevate their level of play as well as that of others around him. Magic Johnson and Larry Bird both possessed extreme individual talents, but what made them great was how they improved others around them. Michael Jordan averaged 37 points a game one year, but it was only when he trusted his teammates through the triangle offense did he attain a championship.

In certain sports, such as college basketball and pro football, every game has to be approached with the feeling that it could be your last. In other sports, a team play-

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