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made because of it," she said.

Brianna Singleton, also cheering for the first time as a sophomore said she is excited to cheer with a new coach.

"I love getting to be involved and having tons of school spirit!" Singleton said.

Although Singleton is new, she hopes to keep the successful reputation of the cheer team going.

"(It's going to take a lot of) practicing the material we learn over and over again."

Lane Dowell, a senior cheerleader, has been cheering for a total of five years. Dowell discussed the differences in his middle school cheerleading versus high school cheerleading.



"High school cheer is more fun than middle school because there aren't as many restrictions in stunting," Dowell said. "For instance, you can't perform basket tosses in middle school, but you can in high

school. It is a whole lot more tiring than middle and there are a lot more practices, but you also go and do more."

Dowell, like Mersinger, is also excited to have a new coach.

"I was nervous at first," he said. "But since she went with us to cheer camp, I feel a whole lot better about the situation. Of course, she isn't the coach I've had forever, but she is definitely a qualified replacement and she is very experienced."

Even with a new coach, it is clear that the Goldthwaite cheer team will maintain the excellent standards they have worked hard to achieve.

"I am most excited to see my squad perform and support some Eagles Football this season!" Bidle said. "It has been quite a while since I have sat under Friday night lights, and I am excited to be apart of these!"

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