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With each game comes experience

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Writer

The Lady Outlaws began the season with an early start in many ways. With only four seniors leading the team, underclassmen are learning while leading.

With many athletes lacking time on the field, the softball team faces trials every day.

Senior Hannah Wade discussed the challenges of having very few upperclassmen.

"We are a very young team; we don't have many upperclassmen," Wade said. "They take every day as a new learning experience."

Seniors Kirstyn Elroy, Megan Fitzhugh, Emily Taylor and Hannah Wade are all hopeful as they look towards the season. Although they have not had the season they have yearned for, the seniors are all expecting a great season to emerge.

"We need to improve on putting every game together," Fitzhugh said. "We will hit good but make small mistakes on defense, and then the next game it will be the other way around."

While learning the game, underclassmen are also learning to pay attention to detail.

Head Coach Brian Miller said that underclassmen need to learn how to construct every game.

"We have to figure out how to put games together," Miller said. "Once we decide how to do this, we will definitely come away with some wins."



Along with daily practices and games, the team holds weekly Bible studies to become closer with each other and God as well.

Many of the team members agreed that the weekly Bible studies have helped the team in many ways.

Sophomore Lauren Wade believes that the Bible studies have made the team closer as a family and better on the field.

"We have a Godly leader this year, Hannah Wade," Lauren Wade said. "The weekly Bible studies make us all more positive."

Sophomore Kaytlyn Smock agreed with Lauren saying the Bible studies bring the team closer together like a family.

"They also lead us to play better as a team," Smock added.

The girls started working in early June for their summer league team, as well as having hitting camps.

They also had a summer league team. Their team had games every Monday night starting in June and ending in the middle of August.

Though the team did not excel in the beginning, practice has begun to make the team perfect.

"The summer league games did not go as planned," Smock said. "Although they did not go as we had hoped, we used them as a practice and as a source of encouragement for the rest of this season."

With summer preparations out of the way, games for OS-SAA have ensued.

Senior Kirstyn Elroy commented on the struggles of the team being taken as a positive thing.

"We started the year off a little rough," Elroy said. "I think that it makes us stronger each game; we will end up being even stronger by the end of the season."

Miller agreed with Elroy's thinking of the rough start being motivational and shared his input on the team by the end of the season.

"We are struggling with our season so far, but it can be fixed," Miller said. "We will be surprising many people by the end of this season."

New teacher, new ideas

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Writers

A foxy rhythm has been brought to Marlow Public Schools as Paula Fox was hired as the new vocal teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.

Besides adjusting to a new town, Fox has to adjust to new students and the students have to get comfortable with her as well, including senior Emily Taylor.

"Students are always a little hesitant about a new teacher coming, but the first day I met Ms. Fox, I knew she would make it fun and we would have a great year!" Taylor said.

Fox previously lived in Reydon, Oklahoma, teaching vocal music to Pre-K through 12 grade students.

"I did not have a high school choir," Fox stated. "Between my four choir classes here, I have as many choir students as the entire school system in Reydon."

Fox's passion for music began when she was young and has continued throughout her schooling and teaching career.

"I started playing music when I was two, began piano lessons when I was four and was a member of the band in junior high and

high school," Fox said. "My senior year, I tried out for the All-State choir and made it."

Fox then continued learning her passion in college, earning a Master's degree in vocal performance at Oklahoma State University.

"It was the words of the music that drew me in to vocal performance," Fox said. "When people read words that speak to their heart, especially words that explain exactly what they've been through, it is powerful."

Fox said she has big plans for the MHS general choir and Entertainers, including district contests and three local concerts, but her biggest goal is to reach the highest level of competition.

"I would like to get more students in the All-State Choir," Fox said. "It seems like MHS has only had one student per year qualify, but this year I would like more than one."

Not only does Ms. Fox believe the vocal program will improve from All-State auditions, but several members agree as well, including Senior Brittany Henry.

"Having everyone try out for All-State will give several members a boost of confidence that will help them," Henry said. "By



Paula Fox

the end of the year, I believe we will have a much fuller, prettier tone!"

Fox has many high expectations for her students this year, including hard work, discipline and a love for music.

"Why would anyone want to come into a choir class if they do not have a love for music?" Fox said. "I do believe that my programs are successful and I think that is in large part because I do expect a lot from my students."

In the week that she has taught at MHS, Fox said she is enthralled with the students and faculty, and she already has a bond with her students.

"To me, these students are like my own children," Fox said. "The leadership is excellent here at Marlow and I'm excited to be an Outlaw!"



Leadership motivates senior to continue talents

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Writer

For some, leadership can be a hard concept to grasp but to senior Kallie Slate leadership is her second nature.

Slate first became involved with Student Council after her grandmother, Becky Lightner, forced her to join in sixth grade.

"I originally did not want to join student council but after the first two months I really warmed up to the concept of the organization," Slate said.

She recalled a memory from sixth grade when the middle school council assisted the high school project council with a Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) where the two councils worked together to landscape the high school campus.

Slate said that after seeing the positive impact that RAK had, she realized that she wanted to continue her involvement in student council.

Starting from projects in her

hometown, Slate has expanded her talents 1,792 miles northwest to Portland, Oregon.

Junior Jaret Perkins recollected on their summer trip to Oregon for the Student Council National convention.

"Kallie and I have been friends for around three years now," Perkins said. "This summer, I watched her grow as a leader and become more confident with herself."

Slate reminisced on memories from National convention saying that it taught her to be open and put herself out there and not be afraid to make new friends.

Though at first hesitant about the organization, Slate now holds the position of Student Council President and plans to broaden her leadership ability by being involved in student leadership while attending college.

"Kallie has been an important member of our council the past four years," Student Council advisor Ann Field said. "I am



excited to see what this year holds as she brings her talents as Student Council President."

Slate plans to attend either the University of Oklahoma in Norman or the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and acquire a doctorate degree in medicine.

By extending her talents, she plans to make a positive difference wherever she decides to attend.

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