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On her third day of high school, life changed as Adrienne Jensen moved to Kansas City for competitive tennis. "Leaving my ninth grade year, I missed out on a lot of social aspects of high school," she said. "But I really wanted to do it." After a year and half of playing competitive tennis six hours a day, juggling online classes and visits home, she returned home. "We came back for a few different reasons, but mainly just because it was time to come

home," Jensen said. "It was hard for our family." With three national champion titles and ranked in the top 50 nationally, Jensen committed to play tennis at Drake. "I'm extremely nervous about playing at Drake, but I'm also really excited," she said. "I've wanted to play tennis at a D1 level my whole life." Co-director of West's mini dance marathon, Jensen participated in the UI Dance Marathon the past three years. "I had no idea how it would

change my life and how special of an event it really is," she said. "It's a neat thing to be a part of something so much bigger than myself." West raised over \$56,000 to help families who are affected by pediatric cancer. "Dance marathon just puts life into perspective for me," she said. "Hearing these remarkable stories of the tragedies of either losing a child or having a child be so sick with cancer just makes our problems as teenagers seem so small." —By Kristina Bauer

golden days ...

"I was really happy the day my parents told me I could study abroad in Britain. It influenced my future plans greatly."

—Sophie McClatchey '14



"My favorite memory was the running of the bulls for Halloween this year. I almost got run over by them."

—Sam Asher '14



Amari Lewis
Hannah Lidral
Vincent Lin



Abbey Lind
Brooke Lofgren
Wyatt Lohaus



Beads of sweat fall from the top of his forehead, down his face, to the grass below. His chest pumps in and out as his lungs gasp for air. Wynton Karanja can hear the beating of his heart each step he takes. Karanja loves what most athletes think is a punishment. "I like the mental and physical challenge and aspect of running," he said. "The result you get when all your hard work during the season and the off-season pays

off, it makes you feel like you are in the best shape of your life." He said he has gotten more from cross country than just getting in shape. "Coach Brian Martz has had such an effect on me," he said. "He showed his trust and value in me by making me a captain." But when cross country ends, Karanja doesn't stop. He starts training for track, which has brought him a lot of memories. "Going to nationals in Tennessee with my 4x8 track team is definitely something I

will never forget," Karanja said. Motivated to do well in sports, he also values his schoolwork. Karanja said he wants to be well educated, and coming from Kenya, his family values education. Karanja has no shortage of gratitude. He is thankful for everything he has. "I think that we shouldn't take anything for granted," he said. "Life can change for better or for worse, and you just have to be thankful for what you've got." Of all his memories, one has stuck with him. "I'll never forget the time I won my first cross country race."

—By Claire McDonnell

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