

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE

German sophomore experiences American culture

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She traveled some five-thousand-or-so miles and about eleven hours to become a Roughneck, a word she never heard before reaching White Oak. The idea of coming to America began as a dream, something that would probably never happen. But then the paperwork was filled out, she received the required shots and **Anna Korn** [10] found herself on a plane, leaving behind Wiesbaden, Germany.

After arriving here, Korn joined the swim team and advanced individually to regionals. Her name also floated to the top of conversations as she advanced to regionals in the 1600-meter run in track, achieving a personal record of 5:57.

"My dad would always run with me and always told me I needed to at least try it," she said. "But since I didn't try it in Germany, I thought I would try it here."

Although athletics was a successful pursuit for Korn, academics in the States confused her.

"You just learn it a little bit slower, and don't have to remember it, and don't have to go over it," she said. "I think it's weird that

you only have Biology one time. We have to have all sciences every year."

Although both Wiesbaden and White Oak shared similarities for Korn such as moral beliefs due to her Catholic faith, she struggled with returning home June 6.

"I will miss my [American] friends and family, and the daily routine, and it's so laid back," she said. "And in Germany, I love my friends and family there a lot, but it will still be weird since there's two lives now, and I struggle with deciding which I would rather do, even though I don't have the choice."

Though Korn didn't have the option to choose between the two homes, she still had trouble deciding which she loved more, the place she called home, or the place she had grown to love just as much.

"If you have really thought about a transfer, you need to do it," she said. "It is worth it. They can take the awards away, but you will create memories, and no one can take those away from you."



Colored up, **Kelsey Keys** [Pine Tree 12], **Jaden James** [6] and **Anna Korn** [10] run near the baseball field for the 5k run in support of Pink Heals, an organization which helps those fighting against cancer. Being on the swim team, Korn made friends from other districts like Keys from Pine Tree. photo by n. hussein

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