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Former Yankton Student Emily Niebrugge Is Passionate About Journalism



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Seven years ago, Emily Niebrugge started her journalism career while taking photos for the Yankton High School *Woksape*. Now, she is the Editor in Chief of the University of South Dakota newspaper, the *Volante*. While working for the *Woksape*, Niebrugge was able to expand upon her writing skills.

As a high school freshman, she said that she went to the school newspaper only being interested in taking sports pictures but quickly stepped out of her comfort zone and started to write editorials over various fine art events that were taking place. Niebrugge was able to advance her writing skills even further and became the *Woksape* editor during her junior and senior years of high school.

While in high school, Niebrugge was able to gain a grander writing experience while participating in Journalism City at South Dakota Girls State the summer after her junior year. After attending South Dakota Girls State, she received a letter informing her about a journalism scholarship that she was eligible for through the University of South Dakota. Niebrugge was awarded the scholarship, and with that, a writing spot on the University's *Volante* newspaper.

During her first year of college, Niebrugge wrote articles



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Emily Niebrugge is shown fulfilling her duties as the USD *Volante*'s Editor in Chief.

for the arts and education section of the college newspaper and later became assistant editor. Later on in her college career with the *Volante*, she attained the responsibilities of Assistant Multi-Media Director, Managing Editor, News Editor, and Editor in Chief of the whole newspaper (the position that she is currently holding).

Not only has Niebrugge been a part of her school's newspaper staff, but she has also written and interned for the *Yankton Press & Dakotan* and *Rapid City Journal* during her college career. While on the *Yankton Press & Dakotan* staff, Niebrugge says that she was

able to develop a greater ability to write about sports, a topic about which she had never had an interest in writing before.

Later, when she interned for the *Rapid City Journal*, she was also learned important skills that helped to improve her journalism skills. Niebrugge said during the time she spent interning for the *Rapid City Journal*, she "learned to capture moments in writing."

She had gained an understanding that when people told her their stories, it was her responsibility to portray those stories through her articles.

Throughout her journalism career, Niebrugge has had the

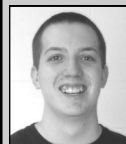
privilege of interviewing many people.

"What I really love about journalism is being able to listen to people and hearing their story," Niebrugge declared. She grew to admire the trust that many had in her to tell their stories and appreciated that they were so open with her.

Niebrugge has no set plans for the future but states, "I want to continue writing, because that is what I am passionate about."

So even though she started out as a sports photographer, Niebrugge has grown to love writing and enjoys portraying various stories through her writing endeavors.

Y's Words On What Makes A Role Model



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Charles Barkley once said, "I'm not a role model. Just because I dunk a basketball doesn't mean I should raise your kids." This quote has gained relevance lately with the questionable violent acts of star NFL player Adrian Peterson.

Although Barkley may not think so, it is a fact that athletes are role models for today's youth. Because of this, athletes should be held to a higher standard than the common person.

Although kids can look at police officers and firemen as role models, looking up to a professional athlete is easier. They have a face by which to identify their dreams. When kids say they want to be a professional athlete, they are picturing themselves as athletes like Adrian Peterson. Kids aren't able to draw the line on how they should act; they don't know the difference between wearing a Peterson jersey and behaving like Peterson.

It may not be fair, but professional athletes must be held to a higher standard than average people. None of the excuses brought up in Peterson's defense are relevant. The fact of the matter is athletes are role models, and kids emulate their behavior. There is no excusing Peterson's actions, and he deserves any punishment that comes his way. Once athletes sign their name to those million dollars contracts, they are also signing that they will behave in an appropriate matter.

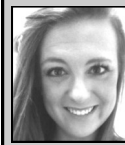
Hopefully athletes in the future will see the harm this incident has brought upon Peterson and learn from it.

The Yankton High School Acapella Choir Shares Their Talents With The Community



COURTESY PHOTO

The Yankton High School Acapella Choir rehearses their "Evening with the Stars" music which they also shared with members of the community last week.



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The theme for "Evening with the Stars" choir event, which is held each year to showcase the talents of the Yankton High School choirs, is "Making the World a Better Place."

According to choral director, Angela Larson, each piece of music that was selected has a positive message to help touch the hearts of the audience.

To fulfill this theme, each choir has taken up a service project. These events range from collecting food for the local pantry, raising money for "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," and singing at the senior citizen center.

Larson said, "My hope was for the students to see

that they can really impact their community in a positive way one project or helping hand at a time. I think the acapella choir saw how sharing their talent of singing can really be a gift when they share it with the community."

Mikayla Trenhaile, a junior who has been in YHS Acapella Choir since her freshman year, participated in singing at the senior citizen center.

"Not only did we want our show to make a difference, but for the choirs as a whole to help change the world," Trenhaile said.

This is the first year the choir has undertaken a project like this. The YHS Acapella Choir wants to make a lasting impact on our community.

When the choir visited the senior citizens center, they sang select pieces

from their concert. While promoting their show, the choir invited all of the seniors to "Evening with the Stars," which takes place Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.

"The senior citizens thoroughly enjoyed our singing, and it's an easy way to showcase the talent of Yankton High school," indicated Trenhaile.

The local seniors love seeing the talent of young individuals, and it reminds them of when their children used to sing.

Trenhaile overheard a senior say, "The music they sing has such an impact on me."

Through this, it would appear that the YHS Acapella Choir has fulfilled their mission of making a difference in their world and their community.

Yankton Homecoming 2014 In Pictures



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Top Left: Haley Mines and John Dannenbring reigned as the prince and princess of 2014.

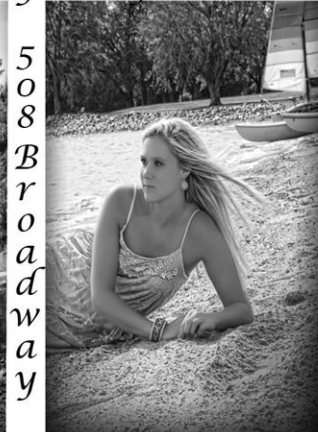
Top Right: Students gathered after coronation to celebrate the annual "burning of the Y."

Right: Crane-Youngworth Stadium was filled and students gathered in their usual places along the fence to enjoy the game against the Aberdeen Central Eagles. Lightning cleared the stands at halftime, and stormy weather required the second half of the game to be rescheduled.



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