

Talented nonconformist spins fire, hopes to be successful journalist

Small-town girl hopes to help others find happiness

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Life in a small town usually consists of quiet times and sheltered upbringings. Yet learning how to spin fire from the town's circus family is not a typical pastime found in big cities. Chelsea Windgait Kennedy has life experience that rivals any urban savvy kid.

Born in Northridge, a suburb of Los Angeles, she grew up in the state of Georgia. When her parents divorced when she was 11, she moved with her mother to Bisbee. Her favorite childhood memory is an adventurous journey "going down the Bricon city white river rapids backwards singing Beatles songs."

Kennedy lives in the town of Bisbee most of the time with her mom and dog. But living in a small town

hasn't hindered her in any way. "I like knowing everyone. Bisbee is like an open-air asylum where everyone helps everyone else out," she said.

Within the town borders, she frequents an art co-op. "The Earwig Factory Co-op

learned in two months."

Fire spinning is a popular summer pastime with Bisbee's alternative folk.

"The people in Bisbee are fascinated with nature; they spin fire because it's a beautiful art form."

She doesn't consider herself part of the mainstream culture, noting "I'm an individual. I may look similar, but I'm my own person, a nonconformist."

During the school year, Kennedy's favorite subject at Bisbee High School is English. "We don't have literature classes but we read a lot of books. I love to analyze books and write about symbolism; it teaches us about humanities."

Another preferred subject, journalism allowed her to excel in newspaper. "I was feature and student voice editor for The Copper Chronicle," Kennedy said. "My senior year I'll be co-



Chelsea Kennedy

editor-in-chief as well as a page editor."

Along with her newspaper work, she also was in choir.

Since her high school only offers two art classes, she is naturally attracted to the artsy side of Bisbee. "I love anything to do with art; I enjoy walking down around the galleries."

On the weekends, she works at the famous Copper Queen Hotel as a busser. "The work itself is hard during tourist seasons, but the workers make it better," she said.

A self-described compassionate person, Kennedy says she strives to help others, adding, "I just want to help the unreachable people and I just want to help those who struggle with [finding] happiness."

However, she's not too keen on being labeled as a small-town girl. "I can't say that coming from a small town defines me. I am the same person because of my actions, not those that surround me."

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has concerts and peace fairs, and that's where I learned how to spin fire," she notes.

She's been spinning fire for exactly a year now. "Fire spinning consists of chains with big wicks on the bottom," Kennedy said. "I was [a] devoted [student] and

Editor aspires to be 'Rolling Stone' journalist

Clark has been longtime fan of popular band

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Jordann Clark

With a desire to study journalism at Oregon State University and become a journalist for *Rolling Stone* magazine, Jordann Colleen Clark is on her way having written for a little over five years. Writing everything from poems to short stories, Clark said she finds it easier to express herself on paper than verbally.

As part of her lifetime goal to write for *Rolling Stone*, Clark would love to

interview and tour with various bands. And as a longtime fan of Bon Jovi, Clark said her goals will be complete if she meets and interviews the band. Clark added she would love to have a scrapbook full of pictures of her with all the bands she meets and interviews.

As a third-year writer of Tolleson Union High School's newspaper, *Wolver News*, Clark has held many different positions on the newspaper staff, including staff writer, assistant entertainment editor, entertainment editor and editor in chief. Next year she will con-

tinue her job as editor in chief.

"Even though the job is tough, I can't quit it because it's my life and I was born to interview Bon Jovi," Clark said.

Along with writing for her high schools newspaper, she is also a contributing writer of a weekly west Valleywide newspaper.

Clark says her favorite part about being a journalist is when people compliment

her on a story or on how good the paper looks.

Currently, she is writing her first unofficial biography on Bon Jovi. It will have a lot of pictures and she says that when she meets them, she'll give the biography to them.

Like any other 16-year-old, Clark loves to listen to music and sleep. On Aug. 22, she will be 17, and like any other teenager

she wishes to be older and a writer for *Rolling Stone* already.

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Indrelunas fan of Christian rock, greasy enchiladas, dreams of career success

Student editor learns tolerance after many moves

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When Brian Indrelunas was just three, his family packed their belongings and moved from their residence in Indiana to Illinois. The move, although not earth-shattering to the toddler, marked the start of many home changes—five to be exact.

Through it all, he acquired tolerance, a quality that has enabled him to cope with frequent location changes—a quality that he believes will give him an edge as a journalist.

In his childhood, Indrelunas went through the typical job phases all children go through, such as aspiring to be an astronaut or a policeman. When he

was 15, he moved to his present residence in Chandler, where he pursued more promising job opportunities.

The now 17-year-old reflects on his days past and said, "I now consider sleep a fun activity."

"This statement not only reflects Indrelunas's natural cunning wit, but it also reveals what a busy young man he is," said fellow Summer Journalism Institute Colleague Jessi Calkins.

On top of serving as a staff reporter at Chandler High, he pulls double duty as the editor in chief of *The Wolf Howl*. When Indrelunas isn't tied up trying to make the deadline, one could find him attending a National Honor Society meeting or catching a few laps in the pool as a member of the school swim team. This summer however, Brian is keeping busy attending the Arizona State University journalism program.

This self-proclaimed "print-junkie" rarely ever gets a break, and when it

does he savors the occasion. The opportunity arises when he is chomping down on a sinfully greasy cheese enchilada, a delicacy amongst the teenage race and a favorite for Indrelunas.

When he gets a craving for music, Indrelunas turns to to the genre of Christian

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rock. He takes much solace out of indulging in a good CD.

"Christian music serves as encouragement." He said. Like many of his peers, music plays an integral role in everyday life—like friends, he finds music is a constant

accompaniment.

Though Indrelunas has much in common with kids his age, a few things also set him apart. Unlike the typical high school student, he has a strong desire to attend school, and believes just going through the motions is a waste of time. Academics serve as a high priority in Indrelunas's life, and he has even jokingly stated, "We discussed the ethics of breaking into the school, just to get some assignments done."

Peer Jessi Calkins also has this to say about Indrelunas: "Brian is one crazy kid; with him there's never a dull moment and he can always make the group laugh."

From his passion for writing, to his love for music and greasy enchilada, Indrelunas is out to prove to the world that he is not just another face in the crowd. The sheer fact that he was accepted into the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Institute at the age of 17 is a testament to his will to succeed as a journalist.

Aspiring lawyer to combine passions for law, journalism

Work ethic, passion foreshadow bright future

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Sharon Heigh

Dedicated. Passionate. Commendable.

Sharon Heigh, a 17-year-old Desert Mountain High School senior, exemplifies these qualities among many others.

With a maturity level far above her ripe age, this hard-working senior tackles a lifestyle that many adults would cower from.

Speech and debate, newspaper and mock trial president are the source of some of her greatest accomplishments.

"I was named All-Region team for mock trial," Heigh said. "It's an honor because there are only six people out of the whole region of over 200 people."

Her dedication to these activities provides a strong foundation for her long-term goals.

"I would like to be a lawyer," Heigh said. "A communications lawyer would be cool. I love journalism and communications. To be able to incorporate both of my

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passions and interests is something incredible."

Heigh has a very passionate attitude when she tackles her many activities.

"I link passion with dedication," she said. "I'm passionate about the things I am dedicated to."

Heigh fully lives up to her statement. She works hard and efficiently to accomplish something, and does so with passion and vigor that is hard to come by.

"When she wants to work, she works really hard," Michael Schwartz, a colleague, said. "She is committed for better or worse."

Her dedication will take her to new heights in her future and makes her an admirable role model.

"She is a caring individual who works hard and

always does honest work," Matt Sotelo, a fellow student at Desert Mountain High School, said. "That's something you don't see often in high school students these days."

Heigh's work ethic and outgoing personality make her one of the more visible students at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism's Summer Institute. Her flare ignites the riveting force of journalism in her classmates.

"She's an influence for us all," Sotelo said.

Despite all her activities, Heigh still has time for fun. On the weekends, she likes to hang out with her friends and enjoys going to California with her family.

"We go to the beach at Cornudo," Heigh said. "I play nukum (a form of volleyball) on the beach with my dad and sisters."

Another activity that occupied much of Heigh's time was dance.

"I did everything but tap," she said and then added that she performed for 14 years.

Heigh's dance career was fueled by desire.

"I just love expressing myself," Heigh said. "I hate being alone."

Heigh's love for people and companionship is one of the strongholds in her pursuit of journalism.

"Journalism is a unique form of communication," Heigh said. "You can reach people through such a powerful tool. It's almost like an art form you get to play with."

Behind every great performer is inspiration and the same is true for Heigh. By reading the newspaper every day, Heigh said she fell in love with the dissemination and effects of information.

"The way information is presented [in the newspaper] really touches people and that is extraordinary," Heigh said. "I want to be part of that."

Heigh looks to the future with confidence. She said she would like to attend Syracuse or the University of California Santa Barbara for college, but added that she will probably end up going to Arizona State University or the University of Arizona.

Heigh also plans to pursue a career that consists of her passions: journalism and communication.

Heigh's continuous encouragement and strength comes from the song "The Gambler," which she said contains some of the best advice she has ever received.

"Gotta know when to hold 'em. Know when to fold 'em. Know when to walk away, know when to run. Don't count your money when you are sitting at the table. There will be time for counting when the dealing is done."