

Quarterly Issues Report for Station WGUR 95.3 FM

October 1 – December 31, 2023

Section I: Issues

WGUR 95.3 FM has signaled the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

- A. Community involvement and outreach
- B. Music programming and discovery
- C. Local, State, National and International News and Local Weather
- D. Local Events
- E. Educational Training

Section II: Responsive Programming

- A. Community Involvement and Outreach

WGUR, being a student driven non-profit organization located in rural Georgia, has a focus to broadcast updates on events that are on-campus, local and national in nature. On and off campus, WGUR has promoted local artist by broadcasting original works and assisting new artists in becoming more visible to the general public of Milledgeville and Baldwin County. WGUR also airs multiple newscasts, which include hourly news updates, as well as campus and town news gathered by our news reporters.

- B. Music Programming and Discovery

As a college radio station, our genre often reaches into the world of music discovery and experimentation. We strive to open our database of music to allow for unique entries from independent artists, local artists, and music from around the world for our DJs to program into their shows. In addition to broadcasting music, WGUR has done several online “Couch Concerts” featuring local artists which we record in our studio. DJs have also invited local artists to talk about their work including original music on their individual shows.

WGUR is now the sole organizer of an annual, multi-venue, multiple-artist concert, held in bars, restaurants, cafes, and other appropriate local businesses. The event, Sound Of The Spring, is open to the public and heavily promoted by the radio station, the University, and the Milledgeville Downtown Development Authority.

C. Local, State, National and International News and Local Weather

WGUR is broadcasting news and weather updates. We have a daily news update that runs at the top of the hour between 7 am and 8 pm Monday through Friday. The newscast is produced and recorded by students and is 180 to 240 seconds long. It includes weather updates. The news department provides the students with an opportunity to learn and experience the creation of newscasts, which in turn allows them to be better prepared for a career in radio or journalism after they graduate.

The long newscast utilizes the full force of the Associated Press Audio Service with reports from experienced reporters around the globe, as well as WGUR's own student-reporters. WGUR allows journalism students to hone their skills by gathering, writing, and recording news segments from the local area.

D. Local and Regional Events

WGUR organizes "Couch Concerts" in which musicians from the Middle Georgia area perform original music. We record and air these concerts, and we also publish the video recordings on YouTube. We record and average of 6 concerts per quarter. WGUR also takes part in various on-campus activities, such as being the DJs of choice for basketball tailgating parties organized by GCSU, as well as partaking in seasonal events on front campus. WGUR hosts "Open Mic Night" and a "Themed Night" at least once per semester. These are events that invite and showcase local talent in musical, poetry, comedy, and other aspects of art.

E. Educational Training

As WGUR is a nonprofit, educational station, we strive every semester to train new DJs as well as our existing staff in proper radio operation. DJ positions are open to all students and faculty, as well as the community. Our staff plays an active role in teaching the next generation of radio operators and talent and provides the platform to launch their

careers, all of which is free of charge. We allow reserved timeslots for different college classes and their required shows, and we work closely with Mass Communication and Rhetoric Professors to help them teach their students the intricacies of radio broadcast, public speaking, and podcast. Starting in August of 2023, we also have two music professors who host their shows and talk about the history of music and different genres. As WGUR is a nonprofit, educational station, we strive every semester to train new DJs as well as our existing staff in proper radio operation. DJ positions are open to all students and faculty, as well as the community. Our staff plays an active role in teaching the next generation of radio operators and talent and provides them a platform to launch their careers, all of which is free of charge. We allow reserved time slots for different college classes and their required shows, and we work closely with Mass Communication and Rhetoric Professors to help them teach their students the intricacies of radio broadcast, public speaking, and podcast. WGUR also offers airtime to GCSU music professors who host their shows and talk about the history of music and different genres.