

Quarterly Issues & Programs List for Station - WIDR 89.1 FM

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Section I: Topics

The station has identified the following topics during this quarter as significant issues that are both relevant and educational to our community:

- A. The Internet's Impact on Real-World Social Interactions
- B. Upcoming Community-Oriented Events in Kalamazoo, MI
- C. The Importance of Religious Inclusivity in Society
- D. 'State of the University' and Upcoming Events at Western Michigan University
- E. Upcoming Events at Western Michigan University and in Kalamazoo, MI
- F. Free Movie Showing for WMU Students
- G. Upcoming WMU Theatre Production and Free Movie Showing for WMU Students
- H. Placing Emphasis on Culturally Diverse Musicians: Highlighting the Afro-Rock Band 'Osibisa'
- I. The Importance of the 2023 SAG-AFTRA Strike
- J. The Israel-Palestine Conflict, Michigan Politics, and Local Elections
- K. Calling Michigan Representatives in Relation to the Conflict between Israel and Palestine, American Poetry
- L. Promotion of Culturally Diverse Events Organized by Western Michigan University Students, Music Highlighting African Artists
- M. The Difference Between Body Image Standards for Men and Women in Media
- N. Relevant Social and Political News Concerning Gun Violence, Public Services, Local Politics, and Palestine
- O. Highlighting Music and Culture in New York City With Special Guest Dr. Steve Feffer
- P. Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to Labor Organizing, the Environment, Colonization, Voting Rights, Palestine, and the Supreme Court

## Section II: Responsive Programs

The station has broadcasted programs dealing with each of the above-referenced topics. Written below are thorough descriptions of each issue and its programming:

### The Internet's Impact on Real-World Social Interactions

Air Date: 10/8/23

Air Time: 14:00:00-15:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: In addition to their weekly breakdown of pop culture news, the hosts of The Pop Effect included a discussion of those who are chronically online and how it impacts human interactions in the real world.

### Upcoming Community-Oriented Events in Kalamazoo, MI

Air Date: 10/12/23

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Logen Crandall, host of The Void, brought attention to upcoming events in Kalamazoo, MI. These included the Kalamashoegazer fest at Bell's Brewery as well as a showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Kalamazoo State Theatre, featuring a shadow cast of WMU students. In addition, Crandall promoted the upcoming homecoming football game and voting for WMU Homecoming Royalty.

### The Importance of Religious Inclusivity in Society

Air Date: 10/15/23

Air Time: 14:00:00-15:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: In the midst of conversation about Troye Sivan's new music video, Jada and Will Smith's relationship, Variety's predictions for Album of the Year, The Eras Tour film premiere, and Lana Del Ray's response to being accused of witchcraft, hosts of The Pop Effect discussed why society should be more open minded towards all religions, not just those that are most popular.

### 'State of the University' and Upcoming Events at Western Michigan University

Air Date: 10/24/23

Air Time: 19:00:00-20:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Host of The Loud Lounge, Tyler Smith, informs listeners of the upcoming 'State of the University', delivered by WMU President Edward Montgomery. Smith also discusses relevant upcoming events for Western Michigan University students.

#### Upcoming Events at Western Michigan University and in Kalamazoo, MI

Air Date: 11/03/23

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Gabriel Williams, host of The Pirate Crew, discussed the upcoming Bright in the Night Eclipse Party at Bell's Brewery, the Peppa Pig Sing-Along at Miller Auditorium, and the Haunted Halloween Fest at Gibbs House. In addition, she talked about the importance of making friends in regards to mental health.

#### Free Movie Showing for WMU Students

Air Date: 11/07/23

Air Time: 09:00:00-10:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: While discussing the various rock and jazz music played during Listen to the Voices, hosted by Quinn Seguin-Scollin, DJ Q informed listeners of the upcoming theatre takeover hosted by WMU's Campus Activities Board to see The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes in theatres on November 17th.

#### Upcoming WMU Theatre Production and Free Movie Showing for WMU Students

Air Date: 11/09/23

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Host of The Void, Logen Lastname, shares the upcoming performances of Clue by the WMU Theatre students as well as the upcoming theatre takeover hosted by WMU's Campus Activities Board to see The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes in theatres on November 17<sup>th</sup>

## Placing Emphasis on Culturally Diverse Musicians: Highlighting the Afro-Rock Band 'Osibisa'

Air Date: 11/09/23

Air Time: 16:00:00-17:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Daniel Ebo, host of Afrostrings, hosted a special on the Afro-Rock band 'Osibisa' by playing music from their discography and sharing some history on both the band as a whole as well as it's individual musicians.

## The Importance of the 2023 SAG-AFTRA Strike

Air Date: 11/12/23

Air Time: 14:00:00-15:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: After the conclusion on November 9<sup>th</sup> of the nearly three-month long SAG-AFTRA strike, the hosts of The Pop Effect informs listeners of the importance of the strike for those who indulge in media frequently.

## The Israel-Palestine Conflict, Michigan Politics, and Local Elections

Air Date: 11/14/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, discusses the response of resistance and organization to the siege on Gaza. In addition, he touches on the censorship of Michigan Democratic Representative Rashida Tlaib, the only Palestinian American in Congress, as well as the Jewish Voice for Peace protests. Finally, Argo converses about Kalamazoo's recent local election results.

## Calling Michigan Representatives in Relation to the Conflict between Israel and Palestine, American Poetry

Air Date: 11/15/23

Air Time: 21:00:00-22:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Sarah Mainero, host of Shut Up and Listen, informs listeners about how to call your State Representatives in relation to the conflict between Israel and Palestine. In addition, Mainero's show had a focus on American Poets and read poetry between music on-air.

Promotion of Culturally Diverse Events Organized by Western Michigan University Students, Music Highlighting African Artists

Air Date: 11/16/23

Air Time: 16:00:00-17:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Host of Afrostrings, Daniel Ebo, plays Afrobeats and Amapiano music as well as shares details on the upcoming 'Africa Night', organized by the Bronco African Students Association.

The Difference Between Body Image Standards for Men and Women in Media

Air Date: 11/19/23

Air Time: 14:00:00-15:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: The hosts of The Pop Effect analyzed Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's relationship, Sabrina Carpenter's upcoming Christmas EP, Adele's rumored cosmetic line, and Billie Eilish's view on body image for men. Statements made by Billie Eilish led to an in-depth rhetoric between the hosts about body image within media and how standards differ between men and women.

Relevant Social and Political News Concerning Gun Violence, Public Services, Local Politics, and Palestine

Air Date: 11/28/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, discusses gun violence in Kalamazoo, a ballot initiative that would restrict Michigan property taxes, and the pressure from the Michigan Democratic Party and AIPAC towards Senate candidates to run against Rashida Tlaib. Beyond the local sphere, Argo shares news about the murder of Palestinian college students in Vermont, queer voices from Gaza, and the anti-semitism of Elon Musk that prompted advertisers to pull out of the app X.

Highlighting Music and Culture in New York City With Special Guest Dr. Steve Feffer

Air Date: 11/30/23

Air Time: 14:30:00-16:00:00

Length: 90min

Description: The Void's Logen Lastname hosted a 90-minute special with guest Dr. Steve Feffer in appreciation of New York City themed music, specifically from the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the underground punk scene. The show started with a tribute to The Pogues' recently deceased Shane Macgowan and the conversation carried on to topics such as literature from Patti Smith and Craig Werner, the Vietnam Rock and Soul class at WMU, and how the music and art scene has changed in New York City over the years due to gentrification.

Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to Labor Organizing, the Environment, Colonization, Voting Rights, Palestine, and the Supreme Court

Air Date: 12/05/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, informs readers of the wage increase for the WMU Professional Instructors Organization, the expansion of voting rights in Michigan, the approval of Line 5 from the Michigan Public Services Commission and the Michigan LGBTQ Commission, the Pro-Palestinian Protest in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the call for ceasefire from the UAW (United Auto Workers). Outside of the local sphere, Argo discusses how the support of Israel is hurting Joe Biden's chance at re-election, the defending of Israel's Siege of Gaza by the Auschwitz Museum, and the upcoming decision on regulatory powers by the Supreme Court.