

KRNU 90.3 FM

Community Issues and Responsive Programs

January-March 2016

The following is a list of perceived community issues, and the programs broadcast by KRNU 90.3 FM, Lincoln, which addressed those issues during the first quarter of 2016, January 1 through March 31.

State Governance – A review of topics related to governance of the State of Nebraska.

Continuing a long-standing tradition, Nebraska's Governor presented a "State of the State" address to the state's legislative body during the first week of their annual deliberations. Governor Pete Ricketts presented his second such address on Thursday, January 14 from 10:00 to 10:35 a.m. and KRNU carried his address live. (35 minutes)

Campus Governance – A review of topics related to governance of the various constituencies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Again this quarter, the station continued its long-standing practice of providing live coverage of the public business meetings conducted by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents when those meetings are held at the Regents' meeting room in Varner Hall in Lincoln.

The Regents met three times on campus during this quarter, and the station carried their meetings on the following dates:

--Friday, January 29 – 10:00 to 11:47 a.m. (1 hour and 47 minutes)

--Friday, March 18 – 10:30 a.m. to 1:46 p.m. (3 hours and 16 minutes)

In addition, the station's regularly scheduled public affairs show "*Campus Voices*" aired a segment featuring outgoing University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor Harvey Perlman, who has announced his retirement at the end of the 2015-16 academic year. Perlman reflected on his 16 years at the helm of the university and what he sees as the institution's biggest challenges. The show aired on Sunday, February 7 from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. (45 minutes)

International Relations – A review of topics related to expansion of awareness of cultures and governments of from around the world, and the interplay of those cultures with that of the United States.

The University's E.N. Thomson Forum on World Issues continued its 2015-2016 series of public policy addresses during this quarter. This year's Thompson Forum theme was "Activism" – a series of lectures relating to how citizens get become active on a variety of different social fronts. KRNU broadcast the final two programs connected with this year's series during this quarter.

First, on Tuesday, January 19, Wes Moore, author, veteran, Rhodes Scholar, and founder of BridgeEDU, delivered an address on the topic of social justice called "The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates." He described the very different lives of two men who shared the same name, and the factors that led one to become a Rhodes Scholar while the other serves a life sentence for murder. His address aired on KRNU on January 19th from 7:00 to 8:40 p.m. (1 hour and 40 minutes)

The series concluded for the academic year on Tuesday, February 23rd, with an address on women's rights by Sheryl WuDunn. WuDunn, the first Asian-American to win a Pulitzer Prize, delivered an address called "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide," based on her recent book of the same name co-written with her journalist husband, Nicholas Kristof. Her address aired on KRNU the evening of February 23rd from 7:00 to 8:35 p.m. (95 minutes)

Following station tradition, this season's lecture series will be replayed during the summer months.

Public Safety Issues – The station aired two public affairs pieces dealing with public safety issues in this quarter, both produced by senior broadcasting majors. The first concerned the safety of Nebraska's public bridges as a result of studies down in the aftermath of the Minnesota bridge collapse. The feature aired on Friday, January 22 from 10:06 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. (4 minutes)

It was followed by a second piece on dangers of drivers who run red lights and new measures being considered by the Nebraska legislature to ticket those drivers through the use of video cameras at stop lights. The proposed measure has elicited discussion on both sides – pitting advocates of tough law enforcement against opponents who worry about privacy and civil rights issues. This piece aired on Friday, January 22 from 11:21 to 11:25 a.m. (4 minutes)

Career and Economic Development – As part of the station’s regularly scheduled public affairs show “*Campus Voices*” KRNU aired two segments dealing with career development and the job market:

--Sunday, January 24 – Maria Marron, Dean of the College of Journalism & Mass Communications, discussed the future of jobs in the mass communications industries and what skills employers will want in their future employees. Her discussion aired from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. (30 minutes)

--Sunday, February 28 – College of Journalism & Mass Communications Broadcasting Professor Trina Creighton has headed up creation and execution of a twice-yearly career event for mass communication majors called “Springboard Your Career.” She visited “*Campus Voices*” to detail the plans for the Spring 2016 edition of that event. Her interview aired from 10:00 to 10:40 a.m. (40 minutes)