

Quarterly Issues Programming Reports
April 1st, 2018 - July 1st, 2018
90.5 KCSU-FM

The following issues were selected because they represent issues facing Northern Coloradans in our listening area.

Issue 1: Local Public Awareness and Safety

KCSU Local Newscasts

3-minute synopsis of events happening inside KCSU's northern Colorado broadcasting range played throughout various programs. We cover Fort Collins utility issues, crime, city announcements, and more. The newscasts average 3-minutes in length. The morning newscasts play at 9am, 11am, and 1pm. Our 3pm newscast is 1-minute of specialized sports, music, or campus news. The afternoon newscasts air at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. All newscasts air on most weekdays, excluding weekends.

Aired 66 minutes weekly from 4/1/18 – 5/8/18.

Total duration: **7 hours 21 minutes**

Local News Reports on Program "The Rocky Mountain Review"

Twice weekly, *The Rocky Mountain Review* broadcasts 3-4 3-minute local news stories about issues that affect Colorado State University students and Northern Colorado residents. The reports are written by student reporters referencing a multitude of local sources for each script. Each episode includes approximately 10-minutes of this programming.

Example: Nurses steal opioids

Discussion of Issue: Two nurses from Denver and Greeley were sentenced to jail because they were using their status as nurses to procure and consume opiates, and *The Rocky Mountain Review* reporter Bjorn Larson reported on this issue. The discussion encompassed the ethics of medical provider's access to potentially addictive substances. Additionally, Bjorn read the story on air on May 3, 2018. This report included a 3-minute story and 5-minute discussion.

Example: The passing of the founder of Honor Flight Northern Colorado

Discussion: Ravyn Cullor, a reporter for the *Rocky Mountain Review*, wrote and read a story on the late Stan Cass, founder of Honor Flight Colorado Northern. This segment discussed the impact of Stan Cass to veterans in Northern Colorado. This segment lasted 3 minutes, and aired on April 19th, 2018.

Example: Vehicle pursuit and Larimer county deputy assaulted

Discussion: A vehicle pursuit in Loveland resulted in the assault of a Larimer County Sheriff's deputy as the suspect resisted arrest and attempted to use the deputy's firearm against. *Rocky Mountain Review* reporter Bjorn Larson created the story, and this segment examined the danger law enforcement faces in the line of duty. This segment was aired April 17th, 2018 for 3-minutes.

Aired 2X weekly on "The Rocky Mountain Review," Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm from 4/1/18 – 5/3/18

Total duration: **1 hour 40 minutes**

Issue 2: Social and Ethical critical debates for Coloradans

Round Table Discussions on "The Rocky Mountain Review"

"The Rocky Mountain Review" opens up the studio for a Roundtable discussion with reporters and/or special guests that can assist in the conversation regarding how recent events affect Coloradans. This quarter, Roundtable discussions have focused on local issues that affect Northern Colorado residents. The program welcomes commentary in the form of calls and texts from the public. The discussions average between 8-15 minutes in length weekly.

Example: Colorado teachers walkouts

Discussion of Issue: Colorado teachers staged a series of walkouts to protest for higher wages. *The Rocky Mountain Review* gave an overview into Colorado's teachers walkouts, and discussed the importance of the teachers protest for both the teachers and Colorado's education system. We were joined by Kara Zehner, a CSU alumni and teacher, to discuss her account and views on the teacher's protest.

Roundtable issue: CSU admissions tour racial bias.

Discussion: An incident of racial bias occurred during a tour of CSU on April 30th. Two potential students on the tour were confronted by police officers, and later left behind after another member of the tour called the police on them for looking suspicious and joining the group late. Julia Battagliese made a two minute report introducing the incident, and then discussed which party was at fault for the incident. Additionally, we discussed the universities response, as well as the response of the tour guide to the incident.

Roundtable Issue: Former students sue CSU

Discussion of issue: *The Rocky Mountain Review* reporter Seth Bodine delivered a brief synopsis into the actions of a group of former students who are suing CSU for an unaccredited degree program. We discussed the ethics of an unaccredited degree programs, and discussed the rationale behind joining such a program. Additionally we discussed the two opposing stories from the university, and the

students.

Aired 2X weekly from on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm 4/1/18-5/3/18

Total Duration: **45 minutes**

Issue 3: Analysis, criticism, and exposure of cultural arts for Coloradans

Based on research from the Downtown Fort Collins Creative District, about 1000 Fort Collins residents are full or part-time musicians. Therefore, “The Rocky Mountain Review” considers the cultural impact of music to be a relevant issue for our listeners. The show airs music coverage 3-5 minutes twice each week as well as the occasional lifestyle segment which focuses on tips to improve daily life for listeners that are less musically inclined. Discussions or pre-recorded segments on events, shows and analysis of local bands and artists in the Larimer County community. This program allows *The Rocky Mountain Review* to share with the public the content of new art and music. As for Lifestyle segments, we invite Lily Fordyce to talk about some ideas or tricks she uses to improve her life as a college student.

Example:

On April 10th, Monty Daniel produced a 4 minute music segment about the Phoebe Bridgers concert she attended on April 6th. This was a synopsis of the concert in itself and her opinions and personal reaction to the songs and atmosphere of the concert.

On May 3rd, Seth Bodine pre-recorded an in depth album and musician review for Esme Patterson. He presented multiple songs from the album and described it as beachy and containing very smooth summer songs. Bodine explained how Patterson also exhibited some feminist ideology and was considered “perfect for a road trip.”

Lily Fordyce joined the Rocky Mountain Review to speak about the benefits of having a house plant on the 12th of April. She explained that plants can relieve stress and can be helpful to have at home especially for Colorado State University students as finals week was only a month away.

3-5 minute segments

Airs 2X weekly from on “Rocky Mountain Review,” Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm from 4/1/2018-5/3/2018

Total Duration: **38 minutes**

Issue 4: Public officials and interviews

Interview portion of show where KCSU interviews public officials and CSU affiliates about recent news coverage on, and off, campus. A variety of guests creates informative and entertaining information for our Northern Colorado audience. These are 10-15 minute interviews where guests are questioned on their area of expertise, experience with an event, and their effects on the surrounding community.

Interview: Apiculture Club members Christina Geldert and Freddie Haberecht
Discussion of Issue: Christina Geldert and Freddie Haberecht joined *The Rocky Mountain Review* on May 1st, to discuss the benefits of the addition of beehives on CSU's campus. Geldert and Haberecht are a part of the Apiculture Club and expressed their enthusiasm and described the helpful nature of the hives to the ecosystem as well as their educational value by now being on campus.

Interview: Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs
Discussion: CSUnite was a event that occurred on CSU's campus and happened on March 29th and the discussion took place on April 17th. This was the university's way of trying to bring people together and unify students and staff against racism and other biased behavior. Along with other groups on campus that have explained their personal experience with CSUnite we also were joined by Dr. Blanche Hughes. Hughes is the the Vice President of Student Affairs at CSU and came on *The Rocky Mountain Review* to describe the intentions of CSUnite and her personal opinion on the event.

Interview: Reproductive Physiologist and assistant professor Jennifer Barfield
Discussion: Jennifer Barfield came on the show April 12th, to speak about her work with bison in Northern Colorado and surrounding areas, that are eventually released into Yellowstone National Park. The bison are part of a conservation project to reintroduce healthy bison into Northern Colorado by cleaning their embryos to free them of any disease or pathogens. Barfield is an assistant professor at CSU and came to explain the science behind this as well as why this is important to the environment of Northern Colorado.

Aired 2X weekly from 4/1/2018 - 5/3/2018

Total Duration: **1 hour 40 minutes**

Issue 5: Colorado Gubernatorial Candidate Interviews

Two candidates were interviewed the week before the Larimer County's primary elections. Each candidate for governor was allotted a total of 15 minutes to explain what platform they were running on and what issues were most pressing to them. KCSU invited all major republican and democratic candidates in for an interview, but only the below took the opportunity. These

interviews occurred live on-air and then replayed the day of the election twice, at 8 am and 12 pm.

Interview: Republican candidate, Doug Robinson

Discussion: On June 21 Isaiah Reyes interviewed Doug Robinson primarily about his plans if he were to win the Republican nomination. Robinson stressed he hopes to prioritize infrastructure and expressed his stance on DACA residents and how they should not be broken up from their families. In addition he explained how he hopes that in Colorado's education system there are equal opportunities for all students. This was re-aired on June 26 at 8 am and 12 pm. The total play time was 45 minutes.

Interview: Democratic candidate, Mike Johnston

Discussion: On June 22, Isaiah Reyes interviewed Mike Johnston about his main concerns that he hopes to fix if he is nominated as the Democratic candidate for governor. Johnston expressed he wants stricter gun laws, to protect the environment and to make education more affordable. As a former teacher and principal, Johnston presented his viewpoints on education from that perspective. This was re-aired on June 26 at 8 am and 12 pm. The total play time was 45 minutes.

Aired 3x for two candidates from 06/21/18-06/26/18

Total Duration: **1 hour 30 minutes**

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