

Quarterly Issues Programming Report
October 1st, 2018 - December 30th, 2018
90.5 KCSU-FM

NOTE: This document was prepared and ready for upload to the KCSU Online Public Inspection File on January 2nd, 2019. Because of the government shutdown at this time, we were unable to upload this report by the January 10th, 2019 deadline. We posted this report within two business days after the government re-opened, as instructed by the FCC.

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 to 3 minutes of specialized sports, music, or campus news. The afternoon newscasts air at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. All newscasts air on most weekdays, excluding weekends and Tuesdays.

Aired 48 minutes weekly from 10/1/18 – 12/7/18.

Total duration: **9 hours**

Local News Reports on Program "The Rocky Mountain Review"

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

Example: CSU's research on Antarctic ice shelves

Discussion of Issue: JD Leighton, a News Director for *The Rocky Mountain Review*, covered a story about CSU's research team, who traveled to Antarctica to study the Ross Ice shelf. The team placed seismic sensors on the ice shelf from 2014 to 2017 to study the ice's movements and vibrations caused by the wind. We discussed the impact of this study, and played audio of the ice vibrations, giving our listeners an insight into the research that CSU is conducting. This segment lasted 3 minutes and aired on October 25th, 2018.

Example: Election coverage

Discussion: Emily Mashak and JD Leighton, News Directors for the *Rocky Mountain Review*, and Mia Sawaya, reported on the Colorado midterm elections. We provided unbiased information about candidates Walker Stapleton and Jared Polis, as well as key amendments on the ballot, in order to help our listeners make informed decisions when voting. This segment lasted 10 minutes and aired on November 11th, 2018 (election day).

Example: CSU's search for a new president

Discussion: CSU president Tony Frank announced his retirement in the near future. JD Leighton and Emily Mashak discussed this announcement, as well as covered the university's ongoing search for a new president. Frank is well-loved in the CSU community, and this segment worked to keep our listeners informed on the future of an important public figure. This segment lasted four minutes and aired on October 16th, 2018.

Aired 2X weekly on "The Rocky Mountain Review," Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm from 10/2/18 – 12/6/18

Total duration: **3 hours**

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, as well as on national news events 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 at least two or three times a week.

Roundtable Issue: "Baby It's Cold outside" controversy

Discussion of Issue: One of Colorado's radio stations, KOSI 101.1, plays Christmas music the entire holiday season. They decided to pull the song "Baby It's Cold Outside," after some listeners felt the song was offensive to the #MeToo movement. KCSU discussed whether or not pulling the song was justified, how the #MeToo movement is affecting how society views our music and culture today, as well as how KCSU would handle a situation like this. Listeners texted in to share their thoughts on the issue.

Roundtable issue: Canada's legalization of marijuana

Discussion: Canada legalized marijuana and was having issues figuring out the logistics of the weed market. We discussed these issues, and harkened back to our home state of Colorado, since we legalized weed a few years before and had faced (and are still facing) similar issues. We also looked to the future, analyzing

how we thought legalizing weed would continue to affect Colorado residents in the future.

Roundtable Issue: New construction at CSU

Discussion of issue: We reported CSU's announcement that the university is planning on constructing additions to the Veterinary campus on our October 9th show. We discussed whether or not we thought this construction was necessary, considering the immense amount of construction that had just gone into building Canvas Stadium. We also discussed the need for renovation in the Journalism department and pondered how CSU chooses which departments to renovate. We had some feedback from our own listeners who were CSU alumni.

Aired 2X weekly from on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm 10/2/18-12/6/18

Total Duration: **1 hour and 35 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 and art to be a relevant issue for our listeners. The show airs music coverage twice each week for about 3-5 minutes as well as the occasional lifestyle segment which focuses on tips to improve daily life for listeners that are less musically inclined. This can come in the form of 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, music and tips for a better life.

Example:

On October 11th, our station manager, Julia Battagliese, presented a segment about The Alley Cat Cafe, a local coffee shop in Fort Collins. She spoke with the shops manager to provide insight into the history of the shop, as well as how the coffee and food is sourced. She also included natural sound from the shop, to give listeners a feel for what it would be like to stop by the local Fort Collins staple.

Example:

On October 23d, KCSU DJ Asher Korn came on the show to speak about her experience performing in CSU's drag show as a bucket girl. She explained to her listeners what a bucket girl was, what the show itself was like, and how the proceeds from the show benefitted LGBTQ+ friendly communities.

Example:

On October 29th, our local music director, Haley Justino, came on the show for a special Halloween-themed lifestyle segment. She told our listeners how to read Tarot cards, and even performed a live Tarot card reading on our host, JD

Leighton. She also spoke about her background with Tarot cards, and how they can help her celebrate Halloween.

3-5 minute segments

Airs 2X weekly from on "Rocky Mountain Review," Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm from 8/28/2018-9/30/2018

Total Duration: **1 hour and 20 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:

Dora Frias, Director of the CSU Pride Center

Discussion of Issue: Dora Frias came on *The Rocky Mountain Review* on October 11th to help celebrate National Coming Out Day, a holiday KCSU embraced in order to create a welcoming environment for the LGBTQ+ community. Frias spoke about the history of National Coming Out Day, her own coming out story, and gave advice for how to come out/how to react if you want to be an ally to the community. This interview served as an important resource for our LGBTQ+ listeners, as well as those who were looking to support the community.

Interview:

Camille Dungy, CSU professor and *New York Times* published poet

Discussion: Professor Camille Dungy came on *The Rocky Mountain Review* on October 25th, 2018 to discuss her poem "Still Life," which was published in the *New York Times*. She read her poem, which dealt with the loss of a loved one, on the air and shared the story behind it with our listeners. She also spoke about her favorite poets, how she got into poetry, and shared tips to help our listeners begin to write their own poetry. This interview was important as it was able to showcase an impressive accomplishment of someone in the CSU community, as well as help any listeners who are looking to improve their poetry skills.

Interview:

Melissa Venable, Executive Director of the American Red Cross (Northern Colorado chapter)

Discussion: Melissa Venable came on *The Rocky Mountain Review* on October 9th, 2018 to discuss Fire Prevention Week. She informed our listeners about how to prevent fires, as well as how to protect themselves in the event of a fire. She came on the show again in November to talk about how the Northern Colorado

Red Cross was helping to fight the California wildfires. With the prevalence of wildfires in California and the Seaman Fire near Fort Collins, this interview provided our listeners with relevant information about how to prevent fires like this and how to protect themselves from them.

Aired 2X weekly from 10/2/2018 - 12/6/2018

Total Duration: **2 hours and 20 minutes**

TOTAL TIME: 17 hours and 15 minutes