

Quarterly Issues and Programs
WSOU FM South Orange, NJ
First Quarter 2022 Jan.1- March 31

Issue: The reemergence of covid in the general community. While many government agencies have been loosening regulations on mandates, a new strain of Covid, Omicron, started spreading around the state. Testing was increased but the tide eventually turned with cases dropping dramatically. The battle over mandates has continued with public sentiment looking to move on.

Programming: WSOU has continued its coverage of the Omicron crisis with daily updates on the number of cases plus transmission rates. Coverage included daily newscast plus the weekly news program, Pirate News Desk. Specific issues such as effects of covid on minority populations was also a topic in the program Making Contact which runs on Saturday mornings. The program Thank God For Monday also dealt with the issue covering discussions with companies that were trying to return to normal. Host Greg Cellini had several shows dealing with the topic.

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Issue: The public has been dealing with the increase cost of food, supplies and especially gas and fuel. The increases have been related to the war in the Ukraine because of sanctions placed on Russia for its invasion. The effects are also being felt in the general economy and on Wall Street.

Programming: Several programs have dealt with the effects of the Ukraine crisis. In addition to regular newscasts covering the issue Global Current has covered the crisis. Programs throughout the last few months have focused on how the economy has been affected. How the world has joined forces to pressure Russia to cease its attack. The show, produced by the school of Diplomacy, also focused on how the Ukrainians have survived the onslaught and how Russia will be affected in the long run. Our local news show PND has also covered the crisis with local experts discussing what's happening.

Feb 12	Boycotting the Olympics
Feb 20	Tensions between Russia and the Ukraine
March 6	Anti Vax and mask mandate protests in Canada
March 20	Russian Invasion of Ukraine
March 27	Nuclear talks

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Issue: The growing effects of racism and white nationalism in the country. The number of racial incidents have increased and the nation continues to be divided. The result has been a political battle that makes the upcoming elections critical.

Programming: This topic was covered as part of WSOU across the board. Global Current discussed the issue in several programs. Making Contact covered the effects on communities and on the political parties. One of the station's religious programs, The Knightly Message covered the topic from the point of view of reconciliation. Black History Month was covered in Pirate News Desk and Thank God for Monday throughout February.

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Issue: The country is attempting to get back to normal. That means returning to in person working and cutting back on mandates such as masks. The battleground is between the public and government. Also businesses are trying to get more freedom to operate normally.

Programming: The issue of returning to normal in the workplace was covered several times on Thank God for Monday, our program which deals with workplace concerns. A major area of discussion was the celebration of women's Month. Pirate News Desk also discussed the issue of people going back to the office. The issue is not simple with a great deal of pushback, which was covered in our news programs.

Issues covered by TGFM:

Jan1.	Improving workplace morale
Jan 8.	Helping Americans heal
Jan. 15	Future of remote working
Jan 22	reclaiming work ethics
Feb 5	Celebrating diversity
Feb 13	Growth of women's businesses
March 5	Improving Human Resources in work.
March 19	Getting along at work.

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Issue: Maintaining Christian Values in a changing world. That includes social media, culture and a diverse student population.

Programming: WSOU continues to broadcast a number of religious based programs that deal with these issues. They include Personally Speaking which often brings in notable guests such as actors and performers. Also The Knightly Message , our locally produced Christian based program. Here are some of the programs that covered this topic:

Jan 1	sing Catholic Faith to improve a community- Personally Speaking
Jan. 9	Discerning right from wrong-The Knightly Message
Jan 16	Courage to show humility and kindness-The knightly Message
Jan 22	Faith in sports-Personally Speaking
Jan 23	Children following the saints-The Knightly Message
Feb 5	Dealing with loss-Personally Speaking
Feb 19	Dealing with Autism and Faith-Personally Speaking
Feb 27	Peace and Sacrifice-The Knightly Message
March 13	breaking away from social media-The Knightly Message
March 20	Counting on Family and Friends-Personally Speaking

Issues: Ongoing Coverage of News Events

Programming : These issues are covered on a weekly basis in our extended news program Pirate News Desk

Pirate News Desk Issues Covered During January 2022

NJ Mask policy in schools
Tesla Recalls
Canadian bus protests
NJ Offering more free meals in schools based on a proposal

Pirate News Desk Issues Covered During February 2022

Decisions on mask mandates FDA potentially approving vaccinations for children 5 and under
China potentially requesting Russia to delay invasion until after Olympics.
NFL COVID Protocols gone.
Gas hitting 4 dollars in NJ
Ukrainian President survives third assassination attempt.

Pirate News Desk Issues Covered during March 2022

Covid starting to rise

first double lung transplant

apple phone subscription

North Korea testing nuclear weapons

NCAA Tournament news