

**Quarterly Issues and Programs**  
**WSOU FM South Orange, NJ**  
**Third Quarter July 1 to Sept. 30**

**Issue:** The ruling by the US Supreme Court to overturn the Roe vs Wade decision to legalize abortion. The result has been concern across the country and the response by the public. Some states have imposed strict restrictions as a result, even making abortion a crime. It has also made it difficult for many women to get an abortion. This has become a crisis.

**Programming:** A number of programs on WSOU have covered the issue both locally and on a national level. Pirate News Desk has interviewed state officials to see the reaction in New Jersey. On a national level the topic has become regular coverage. The program Making Contact has discussed the impact on women, especially in states where the restrictions are stifling. The coverage has also dealt with states which have decided to help women get an abortion.

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**Issue:** The summer saw a number of violent terrorist attacks in the country. Children were slaughtered in Uvalde Texas and there were a number of individual attacks, many which were racially motivated.

**Programming:** This issue was covered by the station across all types of programs. The Pirate News Desk show discussed the problem on a number of episodes. Making Contact also discussed the effects on a national level. However shows such as Knightly Message and Thank God for Monday also addressed the issue. Those discussions dealt with the psychological effects on families and children. They also talked about the culture of caring for one another as a society.

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**Issue:** The post covid pandemic and concern about MonkeyPox. Society has made a substantial Step towards normalcy. There continues to be a limited mask mandate and new booster vaccines. At the same time there has been a concern over the growing impact of MonkeyPox.

**Programming:** Pirate News Desk has reported regularly on the return to regular life with a real limit on restrictions. Also daily newscasts covered the issue. They include extended interviews with the medical community to get a better understanding of the issue. The station has also

made itself a source of information for people who need help. WSOU runs regular Public Service Announcements with tips and guidance help.

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**Issue:** Workplace issues have changed in recent years, compounded by the covid crisis. People are returning to the workplace in person while many people are hoping to remain long distance employees. This has created all kinds of issues for employers and employees.

**Programming:**

WSOU has several programs that deal with workplace issues. Primarily the program Thank God For Monday has addressed many of these issues. Franciscan Brother Greg Cellini is a former Human Resources Director who has a unique insight into these concerns. During the third quarter he brought in a number of guests to discuss it.

7/9	Bruce McEver author of Many Paths
7/16	Christopher Gross Whats Your Zip Code author
8/13	Katie McCleary discusses Bridging the Gap
8/28	Patrick McCreesh discusses finding a balance
9/10	Dealing with 9/11
9/18	Getting back to work

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**Issue:** Maintaining the Catholic Mission for the University. WSOU provides several programs on a weekly basis with a foundation in religion. The shows focus on meeting that mission through topics that address the role of religion in the lives of the Station and University community.

**Programming:** There are a number of programs that deal with this issue. Knightly Message looks at the world through current events. Host Andre Viola has handled many topics such as:

7/11	Pope Francis and the generational divide
7/18	Catholic Charity
7/24	Back to school issues
8/7	Quiet Quitting
8/14	Mass killings
8/21	Abortion
9/11	Dealing with grief
9/18	Voting with a Christian conscience

In addition the program Kinship of Catholics and Jews. Fr. Lawrence Frizzel discusses issues through the lens of the bible. Discussions cover the connection with other religions.

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**Issue:** The inflation rate has had a huge effect on people's lives. Its resulted in big increases in the cost of food , housing and most obvious in gas and fuel prices. The issue has taken a front and center role in American life with politics sticking its nose in the middle of it.

**Programming:** The issue has been a common theme in WSOU's coverage by the station news department. Daily newscasts reported on the cost of inflation on everyday lives, especially in the New York, New Jersey region. The topic was also covered on the weekly news department program, Pirate News Desk.

July 16	Report on the rising inflation rate and the effect on the stock market.
August 6	The rising cost of gas prices and effects on summer travel
August 20	Gas prices falling nationwide
Sept. 4	Inflation and rising housing prices
Sept. 18	Moderation of inflation and workplace salaries.

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**Issue:** The upcoming mid term elections has brought with it major controversy over voter fraud and protecting the security of elections. Former President Donald Trump has continued his allegations of a stolen election despite no evidence. State election officials are dealing with potential problems that are showing up.

**Programming:** The election issue and concerns over problems being created has been covered on a regular basis during daily newscast and on several public affairs shows such as Pirate News Desk and Making Contact.

July 10	Making Contact discussed election fraud
August 14	PND reported on efforts being made to secure voting procedures in New jersey
August 28	Making Contact looked at potential changes in the congressional races.

Sept. 4

PND discusses recent elections around the country

Sept. 17

Making Contact covered threats against election officials by Trump supporters.