

Quarterly Issues and Programs
WSOU FM
4th Quarter
Jan. 1-Mar. 31,2024

Issues: Generally, the three month period was filled with numerous issues that required reporting and programming that dealt with each situations. Pirate News Desk, the weekly news program discussed many of the issues.

Programming: Pirate News desk is a weekly news show that handled the ongoing issues. Topics of issues included: winter weather impacts on the east coast, as well as with regards to the storm impact on national events such as the Iowa caucus; unaffordable home rental costs breaking a US record; 2024 layoffs; NATO promising additional aid to Ukraine.

Total Time: 6.5 hours, from January 7 to March 31

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Issue:

The conflict between Israel and Palestine continues in 2024. National news coverage for the first quarter of the year has discussed the ongoing conflict and the various global responses to what is occurring.

Programming:

WSOU's weekly news show Global Current devoted 30 minutes to updates on this situation on February 11. Additionally, daily weekday news breaks provided by WSOU news team would remark on the ongoing situation. On January 28, Pirate News Desk, the WSOU news department weekly show also remarked on a story about a Palestinian grandmother being killed while trying to flee Gaza, as an example of one of the many stories related to the conflict being covered in regular news rotations.

Total time: 30 minutes

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Issue:

Ukrainian leadership is undergoing a shake up as President Volodymyr Zelensky removed his top general, Valery Zaluzhny, which has been marked as the largest shift in command since Russia's invasion in 2022. This has come at a time of high tensions as Russian attacks have intensified and Ukraine is grappling with a failed counteroffensive that took place late last year.

Programming:

WSOU's weekly news show Global Current devoted its 30 minute show to discussing this topic in detail on February 25.

Total time: 30 minutes

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Issue:

Seton Hall University is a Catholic University and part of its mission is to promote Catholic values. There are numerous social issues that have an impact on young people, and programming is often geared to help them make good choices.

Programming:

WSOU carries several religious based programs designed to promote Catholic values and address many of the issues confronting young people such as abortion, violence and the effects of social media. WSOU's locally produced weekly shows working on mission in these areas are Thank God For Monday and Kinship of Catholics and Jews. Furthermore, WSOU will broadcast episodes of Personally Speaking and Christopher Closeup, which are rotating weekly programs broadcast on WSOU that highlight famous people who have maintained their religious values in the face of controversial issues.

Total Time: 13+ hours