

Quarterly Issues and Programs
WSOU FM South Orange, NJ
2nd Quarter April 1, 2023 –June 30, 2023

Issue: The economy continues to be a concern. With inflation rising and people dealing with Rising food, housing and gas prices, keeping people informed as to ways of dealing with the problem is critical. Whats going to happen needs to be discussed.

Programming: Several programs dealt with the issue of inflation. Regular newscast on WSOU reported on the inflation rate as released by the government.
The weekly news show Pirate news desk reported and discussed the issue with members of the university community who are experts in finance.

The May 6th program Making Contact discussed the effects of the bank collapses on inflation.
The June 18th Show Thank God for Monday interviewed Bill Humbert, a employment expert to discuss the effects on the job Market.

Total time: 3hours

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Issue: The aftermath of Overturning Roe v. Wade that restricts access to abortion.

Programming: The weekly WSOU news program Pirate News Desk covered the issue on two separate occasions on April 12 and June 18. Discussions included state representatives who are working to maintain safe access to health care in New jersey for women.

Making Contact , a public issues program, addressed the issue on May 12th and its effects especially on women of color.

Daily newscast also reported on the issue.

Total Time: 2 hours

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Issue: Congress continues to debate the issue of student loan forgiveness. The Biden administration has put forth legislation that would help relieve the burden of student debt by forgiving between 10 and 20 thousand dollars on individual loans held by students. There has been strong opposition by republicans.

Programing: The issue of student debt forgiveness is a regular topic reported in daily newscast by the WSOU news department. That includes reporting on both sides of the issue with members of congress and the administration.

Making Contact, a public affairs show, covered the issue in its program on April 27 with a focus on the effects to individual students.

Total Time: 2 hours

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Issue: Part of WSOU's mission is maintaining a strong catholic standard for broadcasting and a commitment to religious programming. Several programs are focused on that.

Programming: WSOU airs several religious based programs. Personally Speaking, the Christophers.

Personally Speaking aired the following topics:

April 1	Family Values
April 15	Community support
May 13	Media
May 20	News coverage
May 27, June 10	Education

Christophers covered these topics:

April 9	Caring for the elderly
April 30	A greater meaning in life
May 7	Special needs
May 14	Seeing God in everyday life
June 10	Faith and Hope
June 18	Peace and Happiness

Total Time: 6 hours

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Issue: The growth of hatred against LGBTQ people and against African Americans and Asians is a major issue in this country. Discrimination has become a battleground and an issue that needs attention.

Programming: Coverage of these issues was up front on several WSOU programs. Ongoing news coverage often highlighted the issue in daily newscasts. It was covered extensively on Pirate News Desk on April 28th and May 21st.

On the June 25 Thank God For Monday program it was discussed within the corporate world. The guest was a gay man who is in a management position.

The topic was also discussed as part of the Global Current Program, which deals with international issues. The show touched on how the issue is being dealt with in other parts of the world.

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Issue: Despite being more than one year away, the 2024 election has garnered incredible attention. States are passing legislation that could affect the election. The issue is efforts to limit voting rights.

Programming: Our public affairs program Making Contact has covered the issue several times over the 2nd quarter of 2023. The April 13th show discussed limiting rights in minority areas of the south. On May 20th the topic was the Supreme court's role in reviewing new laws that restrict voting, especially in conservative areas.

Pirate News Desk had continuing coverage on the topic with discussion on how Legislatures are redistricting by jerrymandering congressional districts and stacking state houses by changing legislative districts.

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Issue: Concern over school safety is very high. Parents are worried about the safety of their children in light of the many school shootings around the country.

Programming: The issue of school safety and gun control were covered by Pirate News Desk on the following dates, April 28, May May 14 and June 11. Interviews involved state legislators and local parents. Discussion centered on plans initiated in local schools.

Making Contact covered the issue of gun control. Programs aired on this issue April 6 and June 10. Most of the discussion was with parents and law enforcement people.