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Summary information

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Title:	Focus: America radio talk show audio recordings
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Arenstein, the Host and the Executive Producer of "Focus: America," was a junior when he started producing the radio talk show. He majored in Broadcast Journalism at the University of Miami and graduated in 1976.

He is a native of Richmond, VA and he still resides there. He is married and has two daughters. He is the president of Arenstein and Associates, a real estate development and investment company.

Scope and content

"Focus: America" radio talk show was created by Richard (Ric) Arenstein and Larry Wallenstein, both juniors in the Communications Department, University of Miami in 1975. The show, originally started as a local program "Focus: Miami," was produced at the UM's campus radio station WVUM-FM, and Arenstein interviewed local personalities and celebrities visiting Miami.

After the successful first season, the tapes of the talk show were mailed to more than 70 college stations across the country under the name "Focus: America." In the senior year Arenstein and his new associate, Chuck Bortunick, traveled under a grant from the Burger King Corp. to tape interviews of celebrities in other parts of the country. The show ended at the graduation of Arenstein.

Notes

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Immediate source of acquisition

The original open reel tapes were donated by Richard Arentein.

Arrangement

The original tapes 1 - 22 are arranged according to production or air dates in 1975. The tapes 23 - 32 are only dated as Spring 1976, number 1 to 10. The tapes 33 to 43 do not have dates and numbered 1 - 11. We assume they were produced in fall 1976.

There are 43 DVDs that hold mp3 and WAV versions of the original content, which were all professionally remastered and digitized.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:140

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id1040	File - Master Copy	1975-1976		1
id1041	File - Service Copy	1975-1976		2
id1042	File - External Hard Drive	1975-1976		3
id1043	File - Original Open Reel Tapes 1-20	1975		4
id1044	File - Original Open Reel Tapes 21-43	1975-1976		5