



March 2011

Together we make GREAT Radio!

Director's Corner



**General manager
and Program
Director,
James "Gully"
Gullickson**

Greetings listeners and friends of KMSU! We have ventured into what is typically referred to as "the snowiest month of the winter." Along with the snow comes the variety of high school tournaments and, of course, the potential of tournament play for a number of MSU Maverick teams. Go Mavs! The students get a week off March 7th – 11th for the annual Spring Break. While many participate in the stereotypical "Fun 'n' Sun" vacations, a surprising number of MSU students choose instead to participate in community service activities. I am so proud when I see these young leaders display this kind of selflessness. We are busy with our KMSK, Austin, MN studio build-out. Before long we expect to be beta-testing the new studio and make it ready for "prime time!" A few of our current volunteers live much closer to Austin than Mankato, so they'll be very happy when we get this project completed. We will also be recruiting some local Austin area volunteers to help us develop meaningful local programming. Lots of exciting things are happening, and we have you to thank for your generous support and encouragement!

News

Pledge Drive Spring 2011

Our Spring Pledge Drive is kicking off next month on **April 6th-17th**. The much anticipated Shuffle Function 24-Hour "Pledge Drive A-Go-Go" will be Thursday, April 7th from 6:00 p.m. - Friday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. We promise a very entertaining and engaging 24 hours of sleep-deprived fun, which will hopefully inspire you to donate to the cause.

KMSU's goal is to raise **\$25,000** to keep our station up and running. Please help us reach our goal by supporting your favorite local independent public radio station! We are excited to offer you several pledge premiums for supporting our station during the Pledge Drive. KMSU doesn't exist without listeners like you. Please contribute to our Spring Pledge Drive. It's easy. It's fun. It's all for a good cause! You can even donate now by clicking [here](#) or calling us at (507) 389-5678.



Pledge Drive Volunteers

Upcoming Events

FREE CONCERT
MARCH 25TH - 8:00PM FRIDAY
THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE - AUSTIN, MN

KSMQ **KMSU**
THE MAVERICK
93.7 FM - 91.3 FM

PRESENTS
AMERICANA SHOWCASE
LIVE RECORDING

Six Mile Grove
Dana Cooper

Made Possible through funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Craicmore - Contemporary Celtic Music

Craicmore, a Celtic Band, is performing on Sunday, March 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Halling Recital Hall, Performance Arts Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Amy Kortuem and her Celtic Band are opening for this event. Craicmore plays contemporary traditional Celtic music with deep roots in the music of Scotland and Ireland. Their music has been featured on **CBS Without a Trace, How I Met Your Mother & NBC Days of our Lives**. Don't miss the chance to experience the excitement, the humor, and the sheer joy of this music from Craicmore!

Purchase your tickets [here](#).

Americana Showcase, Austin, MN

KMSU and KSMQ presents Americana Showcase live recording, featuring the band **Six Mile Grove** on Friday, March 25th at the Historic Paramount Theatre in

Austin, MN. The concert starts at 8:00 p.m. and is **FREE!** This event is made possible through funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Who's Who at KMSU

If you enjoy Folk music, tune into "Folk Scene Etc." with Bruce Davis on Tuesday nights from 7-9p.m. Davis is originally from Terre Haute, Indiana where he played in a Folk-Rock band called, The Whole Wheat Band. After The Whole Wheat Band broke up, Davis moved to Minneapolis and became familiar with the West Bank Folk music scene.

In 1985, Davis married his wife Denice and went back to radio school. He then took a radio job in St. Peter, Minnesota and stayed there for 18 years. "I started getting to know local area musicians through the Bothy Folk club and the Rock Bend Fold Festival," says Davis. He played in a quartet with Bill Smith, Marcie Stoyke, and Dave Ross called Prairie. He now performs with Don and Joni Myers in a trio called Folky Dokey.

Davis was suggested to KMSU by Shelly Pierce in 2007, co-host of KMSU's Shuffle Function. Since then, Davis has become an integral part of the KMSU team. "What you will hear on my show is kind of a 'baby boomer' influenced selection of music influenced by what I heard and learned about since I was a kid, and then adding the influences I have accumulated living in Minnesota for more than 32 years now," says Davis. He strongly encourages listeners to check out Folk Scene Etc. on [Facebook](#) or on the show's [blog](#). Davis expresses his appreciation by saying, "I am lucky to have a chance to share the music I like with the KMSU listeners and I am pleased by the nice things people say about the show."



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March Featured Shows

Whad'Ya Know?: Saturday 10a.m.-Noon. Michael Feldmen hosts America's most offbeat and entertaining radio call-in quiz program, featuring trivia, contests, special guests, music and humor.

Hearts of Space: Sunday 7-8a.m. Quiet, contemporary space music, electronic, classical adagios, soft jazz and meditation.

BBC World News: Weekdays at 8-9a.m. A world-wide perspective on the News from the world's most respected news source.

Thoughts From MSU Students

"KMSU has helped the University's campus activities board, IMPACT, promote multiple events. Their great staff have always been helpful and easy to work with. It is an honor to work with an award winning radio station that we can call our own."

- Erika Masias, Marketing Intern, IMPACT

"Working at KMSU Radio has been the best job I've ever had. It feels like a second home, and Karen and all my fellow reporters feel like my extended family. I love all the great real-world experience I'm getting as I work on my radio stories. I feel like my journalism skills have skyrocketed since I began working here."

"KMSU/KMSK is part of the independent public radio Network, ampers, the second largest public radio group in Minnesota, with over 300,000 listeners."

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Former KMSU Host Will Be Remembered



Edward "Ned" Williams, professor of Biological Sciences at the Minnesota State University, Mankato, died Saturday, February 19th, at the Mayo Clinic. He was 65. Ned began his career at MSU in 1990, where he taught Human Anatomy, Embryology, and Endocrinology. For many years, Ned volunteered his time as the host of World Beat on KMSU radio, focusing mostly on African music. Ned donated his wide variety of music to KMSU's show, AfroKadence. "Ned Williams was like the godfather of our show, AfroKadence," says Detoh-Messan, host of

Afrokadence. Jim Gullickson expresses his feelings over the loss of Ned, "We will miss Ned's enthusiasm and heartfelt support for KMSU, as well as his unflinching spirit. I personally want to extend my condolences to Ned's family and friends, as well as co-hosts here at the University." Ned is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughter, Alison; and cat, Sammy.



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KMSU is a member of, [ampers](#), a network of 12 independently licensed and managed, community-based public radio stations in Minnesota. KMSU annually provides more than 450 hours of free air time for organizations and causes—equivalent to nearly 18 full days of local public service programming, valued at \$25,000 annually.



How You Can Help

KMSU is always looking for volunteers to help with daily tasks around the station and with upcoming events. If you would like to share your time and talent, contact [Jim Gullickson](#) or [Karen Wright](#) at (507) 389-5678.