Greetings Listeners and Friends of KMSU,

Will summer ever get here? It has been a long winter, followed by a very wet spring. Our loyal listeners in the Austin area have been dealing with flooding, and in general everyone is ready for some sustained sunshine. With pleasant weather in mind, KMSU is excited about two upcoming events in June that we are uniquely connected to: Arts by the River on Saturday and Sunday, June 8th and 9th; and Rockin’ by the River on June 22nd. These events are being held at Mankato’s Riverfront Park rain or shine, so shine is what we’re hoping for. KMSU’s involvement is through the Minnesota State Arts & Cultural Heritage grant, which is appropriated by the Minnesota Legislature as directed by Minnesota voters in 2008 through passage of the Lessard Sams (Legacy) amendment to the MN Constitution. We are slated to receive a healthy grant for the next biennium, too, which means more opportunities for you to engage with exceptional artists and their work over the next two years! In the meantime, I want to thank you for supporting the operations of KMSU Radio. This can only be accomplished through the gifts received from you and other listeners and friends of KMSU. The operating costs of KMSU continue to creep up every year. In fact, our ASCAP licensing fees jumped over 100% from last year! Yipes!! That’s why I am so thankful we reached our lofty goal of $35,000.00 during our late April/early May pledge drive. Believe me, this will help us to stay fiscally strong through the summer and into the fall. Please keep in touch through Facebook or via email, or just call us any time: 507-389-5678/1-800-456-7810.

Enjoy!

Jim “Gully” Gullickson
Flashback in Time

December 3rd, 1963

A Nation Mourns

Shock And Disbelief Follow Assassination

By JOAN BOULTINGHOUSE

At 12:35 p.m., Nov. 22, Jim Zwickey walked into the teletype room of radio station KMSU to look for the weather forecast.

As he was standing looking through some printed material the teletype rang five times—the United Press International signal for news of immediate importance.

He glanced at the machine's roll of yellow paper and saw these words being typed—"At 12:30 today in Dallas, Texas, President John F. Kennedy was shot in the head while..."

When the typing stopped Zwickey tore it from the machine and sped for the control room.

At 12:37 George Dewey turned from the radio panel to see Zwickey stumble at the doorway, catch himself, and thrust a UPI sheet at him saying, "Get this on the air now!"

At exactly 12:38, Dewey took the sheet, interrupted the record then playing, in a clear voice read the bulletin, and then switched the music back on.

Darrel Wilson, engineer for KMSU gasped at Dewey, "Do you realize what you just read?"

Dewey quickly glanced again at the paper in his hand, stopped the music, turned the volume up full, and solemnly read again—"At 12:30 today in Dallas, Texas . . . ."

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At 12:38, Nov. 22, the music in the student union stopped and above the clink and chatter an announcer's voice could barely be heard.

One or two raised their heads and queried of their neighbors, "Did he say something about the president?" "What was that he said can't hear a thing above all this noise."

The music resumed.

Seconds later the music stopped abruptly, and then, eight minutes after the actual shot occurred, the assembled students in the union heard, clearly this time, "At 12:30 today in Dallas, Texas ..."

Immediate reaction was stunned silence, followed by disbelief.

"It must be a joke."

"It couldn't really be true."

Then, as KMSU cancelled their afternoon's programming and piped WCCO directly to the union, total silence fell. The union has never before been completely quiet.

Mary Hunter, a junior from St. Paul, who was there at the time, remembers, "There was nothing to say, it seemed as though we were in another world. We could hear laughing and talking out in the halls where the news hadn't reached yet. People could be heard coming down the hall talking and joking normally, and then when they came through the door it seemed almost as if they could tell without being told, what was wrong. They fell silent immediately after entering the union."

Now, eleven days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, KMSU is again playing music, clink and chatter again reign in the student union, classes are in session, snow is beginning to cover the ground, there is Christmas shopping to do, and we discuss the policies of President Johnson.
Rich in Experience

Max Sundermeyer shares his experience at KMSU

For the past two years of my college career, a lot of my time has been spent at the KMSU radio station. I have worked at KMSU mostly as a student reporter and news director for the Southern Minnesota News Project. Recently, I have started a public relations internship for the station.

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I came to KMSU off of the advice of my brother, Sam Sundermeyer, who had been working at the station for five years. After changing my major to mass media, he said it would be a great place to gain experience.

Over my two years at the station, I have learned that he was exactly right. In my interview with Operations Director Karen Wright she said, “This job won’t pay your rent or make you rich.” She was right to a point. If you are a college student that is just looking for a job to pay your rent or bills, you might have to look elsewhere. However, if you are a student that is looking for an amazing learning experience working with the best people, look no further than KMSU.

In my opinion, as a college student, on-the-job experience is more valuable than a paycheck at a part-time job. It would be hard to put a price on all of the skills and valuable information I have acquired during my time at KMSU. Before coming to KMSU, I had no experience working for the media. I had never interviewed anyone or put together anything for broadcast. In about a week, I was doing all of this for the station.

As someone that is looking to go into a media-related field, I couldn’t have asked for a better opportunity to learn than my time at KMSU radio. Under the guidance of Karen Wright and Station Manager Jim Gullickson, I have learned a variety of skills that I certainly will use in my future career.

You can contact Max at max.sundermeyer@mnsu.edu.
Arts by the River

Sponsored by KMSU

Arts by the River is a collaborative festival of Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, the Verizon Wireless Center, the City of Mankato and KMSU.

Arts by the River in Mankato is an art and music festival dedicated to bringing fine arts to the forefront of the Southern Minnesota region. Located in the beautiful and recently completed Riverfront Park, Arts by the River brings together the community with the opportunity to view and purchase a wide variety of fine arts, experience artist demonstrations, listen to live music performances in the Vetter Stone Amphitheatre and enjoy fabulous food and drink vendors. There is also an area for children's activities to keep the whole family entertained. For more information click here.

The line-up for June 8th includes:

- Mankato Ballet Company
- Mankato Symphony Orchestra
- Mankato Suzuki School of Music
- Greg Herriges
- MSU Theatre Arts and Dance
- Everett Smithson
- White Iron Band
- Farewell Milwaukee
- Gear Daddies

Arts by the River will take place at the Riverfront Park, downtown Mankato.

Arts by the River
June 8th—9th

this month’s free events...

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The 50 year celebration is coming up!

Details for KMSU’s 50th anniversary celebration are coming together as a date and location have been chosen for the event.

The event will take place in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom at Minnesota State University, Mankato on September 28th during homecoming week.

KMSU began at Minnesota State University, Mankato as the Amateur Radio Club in 1961 in the Old Main campus building. In May of 1962, KMSU was licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. In August of 1962, the station was accepted into the National Association of Educational Broadcasters. After being in preparation for seven months, KMSU began broadcasting on January 7, 1963.

KMSU is currently seeking out former staff, student workers and volunteers to attend the event. Former workers and volunteers of KMSU are also encouraged to share any stories, old photos, and audio clips to be featured during the event. To receive any information about the event or to submit audio clips, old photos or stories, contact KMSU at 507-389-5678 or by email at james.gullickson@mnsu.edu or karen.wright@mnsu.edu.

KMSU Radio, 89.7 FM “The Maverick”, is an independently programmed, public, educational radio station operated at Minnesota State University, Mankato.