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KMSU Radio. Collection, 1983 - Ongoing.  
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**ABSTRACT:**

The KMSU Radio Collection is primarily made up of program guides, the *Monitor*, and newsletters, *Airwaves*, which were distributed to subscribers. The *Monitor* and *Airwaves* issues contain radio schedules, show descriptions, coming attractions, and often stories at the end or beginning about people or events on the radio. The collection also includes ads and other documents.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

Mankato State Teachers College began broadcasting radio programs from the local radio station, KYSM, in the 1930s. However, the origins of the KMSU radio station can be traced back to the 1950s when Mankato State College formed the Radio Workshop, later renamed as the Radio Guild. The arrival of John Hodowanic in 1958 as director of information services began his term as the Radio Guild's operations manager. With Hodowanic at the helm, the college radio programming quickly grew: the college acquired a console that allowed students to broadcast programs through KYSM while on campus; the college planned for its own radio station; the FCC granted the call numbers KMSU and assigned the frequency of 90.5; the station received its license; and finally in 1963, the first KMSU broadcast occurred.

The station originally broadcasted classical, semi-classical, new popular music, and discussion and news shows. In the beginning, programming was broadcasted five days a week and quickly grew to seven days a week. KMSU is still broadcasting these types of programs and many more today.

Information obtained from collection and KMSU website, *Monitor* issues, the *Reporter*, and 50 Years of Making Great Radio.

KMSU: <http://www.mnsu.edu/kmsufm/>

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The KMSU Radio Collection consists of mainly issues of the program guides, the *Monitor*, and newsletters, *Airwaves*, distributed by the radio station beginning in the 1980s. These publications contain schedules and details of what is being broadcast. Until January 1989, the *Monitor* contained extensive writing and was very colorful. In February 1989 the format of the *Monitor* changed and it became larger but was all white with less writing and pictures. The *Monitor* was originally released every month but when it was relaunched in 1996 as *Airwaves* it became a quarterly newsletter. There are also a couple of ads, schedules, and other publications that are included. The collection has been divided into three series.

**Program Guides:** This series contains contain the monthly *Monitor* issues that included radio schedules, show descriptions, coming attractions, and often stories at the end or beginning about people or events on the radio. Issues of range from 1983-1995.

**Newsletters:** This series contains contain the quarterly *Airwaves* issues that included radio schedules, show descriptions, coming attractions, and often stories at the end or beginning about people or events on the radio. Issues range from 1996-1998.

**Miscellaneous:** This series contains ads, schedules, and other miscellaneous publications and promotional items.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

This collection should be cited as:

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**ACQUISITION:**

KMSU donated this collection May 20, 2013.  
Archives staff collected materials.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Josh Smith processed this collection in April 2015.  
Mee Xiong made additions to the collection in June 2017.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

Petterson, Gustav S., 1889-1965, and Family. Collection, 1916 - 1979. [SMHC Manuscript Collection 245](#) Minnesota State University, Mankato, Memorial Library, Southern Minnesota Historical Center.

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

College radio stations -- Minnesota -- Mankato  
KMSU (Radio station : Mankato, Minn.)  
Mankato State College.  
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