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**KUMM tower moves closer to a reality**

*Summary: The student-run radio station at the University of Minnesota, Morris has already written a long chapter in UMM history. This year it will be writing a new chapter as the relocation of the station's tower moves closer to becoming a reality.*

(December 21, 2006)-The student-run radio station at the University of Minnesota, Morris has already written a long chapter in UMM history. This year it will be writing a new chapter as the relocation of the station's tower moves closer to becoming a reality.

KUMM broadcasts can currently be heard in most of Morris from the broadcast tower that sits atop the Rodney A. Briggs Library on the campus. Over the past few years the KUMM staff has worked toward relocating the tower to the top of the City of Morris water tower, a move that will provide clearer reception and an expanded signal. While the move may seem like a simple one, the permit process alone through the Federal Communications Commission has taken four years. UMM senior and KUMM station manager Sara Bremer thinks that the tower will be up and running in its new location by the end of the school year and maybe sooner.

Roger Boleman, director of UMM Media Services and director of broadcast engineering, said: "The tower move will increase the height of the antenna and, therefore, dramatically increase reception and also the power of the signal. It will be a very good move for KUMM." Boleman credits former UMM student and KUMM station manager Travis Ryder ('03) as the force that kept the tower move process going. Ryder is now the station manager at KSRQ radio, a non-commercial, educational station owned by Northland Community and Technical College serving the Thief River Falls region.

KUMM is an alternative radio station that broadcasts 24 hours a day. "If you turn on the radio at 3 a.m. you will hear a live DJ," explained Bremer. "Alternative" means that the station cannot play any music that has been in the top 40 in the last 10 years. KUMM boasts high student involvement along with some faculty and staff DJs, totaling about 90 staff members. "One of the things that's nice about KUMM is that it gives every student a voice," said Bremer.

To listen to KUMM live broadcasts visit [KUMM broadcast](#)

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Photo: Sara Bremer and on-air partner Daniel Kennedy

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