WXPN

B-S #155

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

Date first licensed August 2, 1957/6

Call letters WXPN

LOCATION: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Name of licensee THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Transmitter location 3901 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (PHD-4-30-73)
3400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
(Gates Memorial Pavilion)

Main studio location 3905 Spruce St., Phila., Pa. 19104 (Ltr. 4-18-70)
x 3417 Spruce Street (Houston Hall), Philadelphia, Penna.

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPED-304 BRCED-4	7-11-56 "	88.9mc Remote control, 10w	TPO	Unl.	9-11-56 to 3-11-57
BMPED-313	2-19-57	Ext. completion date to			3-25-57
BMPED-316	3-21-57	Ext. completion date to			4-29-57
BLED-211	8-2-57 License	88.9 mc to cover	TPO 10w CP BPED-304 as mod for new sta.	U	8-2 8-1-60
BPED-427 HAAT:145' CP to install new	4-28-60	88.9 mcs type trans., specify ERP and HAAT.	1.50-kw TPO:1-kw	U	6-28- 12-28-60
BRED-155	7-13-60	Renewal of License			8- -63
BLED-299 (1)	11-7-60	Lic. to cover cp (BPED-427) for instl. new type transmitter & specf. ERP & HAAT as 1.5kw & 145ft.			
	7-24-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BRED-155	2-27-64	88.9mcs	1.50kw	U	2-27 8-1-66
BPED-634 HAAT:115'	10-28-64	88.9mcs Ch.#205	ERP:3.9kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	12-28-64 6-28-65
	CP to install new ant. (Jampro JA-4B, 4 secs.); incr. ERP & decr. HAAT.				
BLED-477 (1)	4-28-65	[redacted] lic. to cover CP(BPED-634) install new antenna and increase ERP& HAAT.			
BRED-155 HAAT:115'	9-14-66	88.9mcs Ch.#205 RENEWAL OF LICENSE	ERP:3.9kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	9-14-66 8-1-69
Ltr.	1-20-69	Show trans. as: ITA FM-1000B with ITA SG1D stereo generator and Wilkinson FM10D exciter.			
BRED-155(L)	8-15-69	RENEWAL			8-1-72
Ltr.	4-18-70	Studio & RC: 3905 Spruce St., Phila, Pa.			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-155(L)	7-31-72	RENEWAL			8-1-75
BPED-1587 HAAT: 280'(H&V)	4-30-73	88.9mhz #205 CP chg. TL, install new trans., new ant. make chgs. ant. syetem (incr. hgt.) chg. ERP, HAAT.	ERP: 1.90kw(H&V) Class E (RC)		4-30-74
~~BLED-1172(L)12-18-73 Lic.(BPED-1587) Changes~~					~~8-1-75~~

BC-126
June 1975

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WXPN

Station location .....

Name of licensee THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPED-790604AD CP FOR A NEW EDUC. FM STATION.	10-10-79	88.9 MHz. ERP: 1.9kW HAAT: 280' RC	10-10-80
BPED-790604AD (1)	11/14/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISS.

Form BC-126 (Back)
December 1978

ED-FM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters W X P N

Station Location PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Name THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Transmitter Location 3901 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Main studio location 3905 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Form BC-126
December 1978

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BLED-80012 HAAT: 280' (L)	BAH 9-3-80 (H&V)	88.9mHz Lic. to cover (BPED-790604AD, as mod.) for a new station.	ERP:1.9kW		8-1-81

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WXPN

Name THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
MR. GENE D. GISBURNE, PHILADELPHIA 4, PENNSYLVANIA

Mailing Address: 117 Logan Hall,

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-304 Recd & filed 6-14-56	6-12-56	C.P. for a new Educational FM B/c Station: Frequency: 91.3 mcs. Ch. 217; ERP: .014 kw. Unlimited; TPO 10 W T-L: Gates Memorial Pavillion, 3400 Spruce St. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania SAL: Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce St. Phila. Pennsylvania Ant. ht. above average $T_e$rr: 482 ft (max) (GATES BFE-10A, 10 w).	GRANTED & REMOTE 88.9 mcs (205) TPO: 10 watts.	7-11-56 CONTROL OPERA.
BRCED- 4 Recd. & Filed 6-14-56	6-12-56	Transmitter operate by Remote Control from Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 4, Pa.	GRANTED with BPED-304	
BMPED-313 Recd & filed 2-11-57	2-7-57	Mod. of C.P. (BPED-304 which authorized a new Non-Comm. Educational FM B/C station) for extension of completion date from 3-11-57 to 3-25-57.	GRANTED	2-19-57

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Call Letters WXPN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPED-315 Recd & filed	3-12-57 3-13-57	Mod. of C.P. (BPED-304 as mod. which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational FM B/C station) for extension of completion date from 3-25-57 to 4-29-57.	GRANTED	3-21-57
BLED-211 Recd & filed	4-9-57 4-10-57	License to cover C.P. (BPED-304 as mod. which authorized a new EDucat onal FM B/C station),	GRANTED	8-2-57
BPED-427 R & F	4-6-60 4-7-60	Construction Permit to install new type transmitter (ITA-FM-1000-A) & specify ERP as 1.52kw and HAAT as 146'.	GRANTED	4-28-60
BRED-155 Rec'd& Filed	4-8-60 4-13-60	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-13-60
BLED-299 R & F	9-6-60 9-9-60	License to cover C.P. (BPED-427) for instl. new type transmitter & spef. ERP & HAAT. as 1.5kw & HAAT as 146'	GRANTED	11-7-60

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WXPN

Name The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-155 R & F	4-28-63 5-1-63	Renewal of License	GRANTED	2-27-64
BPED-634 R&F	9-16-64 9-21-64	Construction permit to incr ERP to 3.93kw; decr HAAT to 114' and install new ant (Jampro-JA-4B, 4 sect).	GRANTED	10-28-64
BLED-477 R&F	3-17-65 3-19-65	License to cover CP (BPED-634) which authorized install new ant and increase in ERP and HAAT.	GRANTED	4-28-65
BRED-155 R & F	5-1-66 5-3-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-14-66
BRED-155 R & F PRESS JUN 9 1969	5-1-69 5-5-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-15-69

Re: BRED-155-FCC Form 323E mailed to licensee for filing, 6-13-69.

Form BC-121 #4
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

88.9mhz.

Call Letters W X P N

Name THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-155 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 10 1972	5-2-72 5-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-72
BPED-1,587 R & F No Fee Required Press AMENDED	3-6-73 3-9-73 MAR 29 1973 3-29-73	CP to chg. ant-trans. loc. to: 3901 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; install new trans. (Wilkenson Electronics FM-1000ES); install new ant. (Shively 6811-4, 4 sects.; make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. ERP: 1.910KW and HAAT: 280'. (39° 57' 05" - 75° 12' 0") FAA Form 7460-1.	GRANTED	4-30-73
BLED-1172 Rec'd PTA Amended & R PRESS	10-9-73 10-10-73 10-23-73 10-24-73 NOV 1 1973	Lic.(BPED-1587)-Changes. Pending amend. of trans. w/in 15 days Transmitter: WILKINSON ELEC. FM-1000E.	GRANTED	12-18-73

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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88.9 mhz.

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W X P N

Name THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-155 R R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-31-75 4-1-75 " MAY 16 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Designated for Hearing DEC 10 1975 Min. DENIED 10-19-78	26677
BSCA-1637 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS	8-17-76 8-18-76 AUG 24 1976	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 KHz Atty. Alan C. Campbell		

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: NEW EDUC FM
W X P N

Name: THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Station Location: PHILADELPHIA,PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPED-790604AD ACCEPTED CUT OFF DATE	JUL 3 1979 AUG 20 1979	Construction permit for new Educ FM on: Frequency: 88.9MHz #205 ERP: 1.9KW H&V HAAT:280'H&V ant: SHIVELY 681-4,4 sections TL: 3901 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania SL&RC: 3905 Spruce St.,Philadelphia,Pennsylvania 39 57 05 75 12 00 REQUESTING FACILITIES OF STATION WXPN ATTY: Brian Madden	GRANTED OCT 1 0 1979 (See memeo 22581)
BLED-800123AH PTA PRESS		License to cover (BPED-790604AD, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: None	GRANTED 9-3-80

1-23-80 341

Form BC-121
March 1979

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

88.9MHz

Call Letters: W X P N

Name: THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Station Location: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYVLANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRED-810401XH PRESS: MAY 26 1981	4-1-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE public notice	granted 10-8-81 ISSUED

Form BC-121
March 1979

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RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION WXPN

Licensee THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
790604AD	6-4-79	NEW	THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIV OF PENNSYLVANIA	CP for new Educd FM , 88.9MHz#205;ERP:1.9KW HAAT:280'H&V	Gr. 10-10-79

Form BC-127 11-58

About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.