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Form BC 126 #486
June 1954

Non-Cml-Educ. FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-5-71

Call letters W M F O

Station location Medford, Mass.

Name of licensee Tufts University

Transmitter location XBallou Hall, Tufts University Campus, Medford, Mass.(PED-10-23-70)

Tufts University, Curtis Hall, First Floor, Medford, Mass. Tele. 5-11-77

02153

Main studio location XXEaton Hall, Tufts University, Medford, Mass. (BSED 4-7-77)
xCurtis Hall, Tufts University Campus, Medford, Mass.(PED10-23-70)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-1,145 HAAT;---	10-23-70	91.5mc.	ERP---	Unl	12-23-70 10-23-71
		#218 TPO: 10 watts Cp for New Educ. FM (RC)			
BPED-1,145 (1)	12-23-70	Call Letters Assigned.			
BLED-863(4)	3-5-71	Lic.(BPED-1,145, as mod.) for new FM Educ. Broadcast Station.			4-1-72
BRED-486 EBSA	3-30-72 5-12-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (short)			4-1-75
BPED-1560 HAAT: --	2-5-73	91.5mhz. ERP: -- #218 Class D (RC) CP install new ant., make chgs. ant system(incr. hgt.)			2-5-74
BLED-1158(L)	10-16-73	Lic.(BPED-1560)-Changes			4-1-75
BRED-486(S)	5-8-75	Renewal of License			4-1-78
BSED-486(L)	4-7-77	ML to change SL and RC			
Tele. 5-11-77 Change SL & RC Tufts University Curtis Hall, First Floor, Medford, Mass.					
BRED-486(L)	3-28-78	Renewal of License			4-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W M F O
NEW-EDUC-FM

Name: Tufts University
Medford, Massachusetts(PO P.O. Box 65, Medford, Massachusetts 20153)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BPED-1,145 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: SEP 2 1970 PN REC'd:	8-10-70 8-17-70 9-23-70 10-12-70	CP for New Educ. FM on: 91.5mc. #218 TPO: 10 watts Trans:Gates-BFE-10C; Ant:Gates-FM-11, 1 sect. TL: Ballou Hall T.U. Campus, Medofrd, Mass. 42° 24' 27" - 71° 08' 15" SL & RC: Curtis Hall T.U. Campus, Medford, Mass. Atty-- Engr--	GRANTED	10-23-70
BLED- 863 Rec'd Filed PTA PRESS FEB 16	1-11-71 1-19-71 1-26-71 2-1-71 1971	Lic.(BPED-1145, as mod.) for new Educ. FM B/c Sta.	~~INCOMPLETE~~ ~~Dir. to file 2 add'l copies - also dir. to file Sect. VI.~~ GRANTED	Let. 1-21-71 3-5-71

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91.5mhz.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMFO

Name TUFTS UNIVERSITY
MEDFORD, MASS.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-486 R & F PN PRESS JAN 7 1972	12-14-71 12-23-71 12-23-71	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-30-72
BPED-1,560 R & F No Fee Required Press JAN 26 1973 P.N. Rec'd	12-4-72 1-15-73 1-29-73	CP to install new ant. (CCA Electronics FMC-E4, 4 sects. (H&V); make change antenna system (increase height).	GRANTED	2-5-73
BLED-1158 R & F PTA PRESS SEP 26 1973	8-27-73 8-29-73 9-5-73	Lic.(BPED-1560)-Changes.	GRANTED	10-16-73

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

91.5 mhz

Call Letters W M F O

Name TUFTS UNIVERSITY
MEDFORD, MASS.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-486 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-2-74 12-4-74 " JAN 10 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-8-75
BRED-486 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-30-77 12-2-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-28-78
BPED-791228AZ PN Recd. PRESS	4-18-80	CP incr ERP: 125 watts; HAAT: 136'	GRANTED:	12-23-81
BRED-801202VK PRESS	JAN 16 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-30-81

ACCEPTED
CUT OFF
MAY 18 '81

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

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.