K M S M-FM

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Form BC 126 #727
June 1954

NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-8-74

Call letters K M S M-FM

Station location Butte, Montana

Name of licensee ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA TECH

Transmitter location Gymnasium, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte, Montana (PED-11-21-72)

Main studio location Student Union Building, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte, Montana (PED-11-21-72)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPED-1474 HAAT: --	11-21-72	91.5mc #218 CP for New FM ED Station.	ERP:-- TPO:10w	Unl. (RC)	11-21-73
BPED-1474 (1)	1-22-73	Call letters assigned.			
EBSA	1-23-73				
BLED-1157	(L)8-8-74	Lic.(BPED-1474, as mod.)			-New 4-1-77
BRED727	(L)4-18-77		RENEWAL		4-1-80
BPED2616 HAAT: -320' (H) (L)	9/20/79	91.5mhz CP to install new type trans., chg ERP and HAAT.	ERP: 105watts TPO: 50 watts		9/20/80
BS #727	1-11-80	Modification to correct ERP.			
BRED 79	204 VR 5-23-80	(S)	RENEWAL		4-1-83
BMPED-800915AO (1)	11-3-80	MP (BPED-2616) for ext. of time to: 4-30-81			

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL ED
91.5mc
K M S M-FM

Call Letters XMSW

Name ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA TECH
Butte, Montana (PO: Montana College of Mineral Science & Tech., Butte, Mont. 59701)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-1474 R&F No fee required PRESS: SEP 22 1972 PN Rec'd. AMENDED	7-12-72 8-14-72 10-20-72 10-13-72	CP for new ED FM on 91.5mc #218, TPO: 10w Trans: Gates BFE-10C Ant: Marti EA-4, 4 sec. TL: Gymnasium, Mont. Coll. of Mineral Science & Tech., Butte, Montana SL & RC: Student Union Bldg., Mont. Coll. of Mineral Science & Tech, Butte, Mont. NLat 46 00 43 WLong 112 33 23 Atty: none Engr: Martin Hansen, Butte, Mont. Section VI	GRANTED	11-21-72
BLED-1157 R & F PTA PRESS SEP 26 1973	8-24-73 8-27-73 9-5-73	Lic.(BPED-1474, as mod.) -New Sta.	GRANTED	8-8-74
BRED-727 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 12 1977	11-29-76 12-2-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-18-77

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

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CARD NO.2 91.5mhz

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMSM-FM

Name Associated Students of Montana Tech
Butte, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED- 2616 Rec'd Filed PNREC'D PRESS: NOV 17 1978	12-9-77 12-27-77 12-27-77	Construction permit to install new type trans. (HARRIS BFE-50G3); ERP:0.168KW; and HAAT:minus 322' ATTY:------- ENGR: John McGaslin(Butte ,Montana	GRANTED	9/20/79
BRED 791204 VR PRESS FEB 20 1980		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-23-80
BMPED800915AO PRESS (o) OCT 17 1980		MP (BPED-2616) For Extension of Time to: 12-15-80 (FOR CHGS.)	GRANTED: TO:	11-3-80 4-30-81

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.