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Form BC 126 #731
June 1954

Non-Commercial Educational FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-31-74

Call letters W Z R D

Station location Chicago, Illinois

Name of licensee NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location ~~3600~~ 3601 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois (BPED 3-15-74)

Main studio location 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago, Illinois (BPED 3-15-74)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-1,709	3-15-74	88.3mhz #202 CP for New Educ. FM Station.	TPO: 10 Watts Class D'	U (RC)	3-15-75
BPED-1,709(1)	5-13-74	Call letters assigned			
EBSA	5-13-74				
BMPED-1107 (2)	5-3-74	MP(BPED-1709) chg ant and chg. transmission line.			~~XXXXXXXXX~~
BLED-1277(L)	7-31-74	Lic.(BPED-1709, as mod.)			-New-12-1-76
BRED-731(S)	11-15-76	RENEWAL			12-1-79
BRED790801XE (S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

88.3mhz.,

Call Letters W Z R D x..NEW-EDUC-FM

Name Northeastern Illinois University
Chicago, Illinois(PO 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-1,709 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS: NOV 21 1973 PN Rec'd:	10-22-73 10-26-73 3-11-74	CP for New Educ. FM on: 88.3mhz. #202 TPO: 10 Watts Trans: GATES-BFE-10C; Ant: GATES-FM-33, 3 sections. TL: 3600 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, Ill. SL & RC: 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago, Ill. 41° 58' 56" - 87° 43' 07" Atty--- Engr---	GRANTED	3-15-74
BMPED-1,107 R & F No Fee Required Press APR 23 1974	4-3-74 4-5-74	MP (BPED-1,709) chg. antenna (Phelps-Dodge ECFM-3, 3 sects.) and change transmission line.	GRANTED	May 3, 1974
BLED-1277 R & F PTA PRESS JUL 23 1974	6-17-74 6-20-74 6-26-74	Lic.(BPED-1709, as mod.)-New Sta.	GRANTED	7-31-74

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

PN mailed: 11-19-73.

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Form BC-121
May 1975
12-74

NON COMM. ED FM

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W Z R D

Name NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-731	7-22-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-15-76
R & F	7-28-76			
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	OCT 1 1976			
BRED 790801 XE		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-79
PRESS OCT 1 1979				
791228BJ		CP incr ERP: 100 watts; HAT: 71'		

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.