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PROG. TEST AUTH. 10-30-61 **BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD** NonComm. EDUCA. TV

NDEA 8 WSIU-TV 1-1-60

Date first licensed 10-5-62 (Official Number 52) Call letters ~~W-S-I-U~~

STATION LOCATION: CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location U.S. Highway 51, approximately 2 miles south of Tamaroa, Near Tomaroa, Ill.

THE COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CHAUTAUQUA AND FOREST AVENUE, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, 62901. (LT. 5-31-66 From Atty.)

Main studio location X NW corner South Illinois and Grand, Carbondale, Illinois

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPET-84	11-18-59	CH #8	V-316 kw	U	1-18-60
AH:860'		180-186	A-158 kw	MSL:1388'	7-18-60
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT for a new NON-Comm. ED TV B/C Station.					
BMPET-229	7-20-60	same	same	same	1-18-60
Mod. of CP(BPET-84) to extend completion date.					1-18-61
BMPET-233	1-12-61	same	same	same	1-18-60
Mod. of CP(BPET-84) to extend completion date.					9-1-61
BMPET-239	8-28-61	same	same	same	1-18-60
Mod.CP (BPET-84,as mod)to extend completion date					2-1-62
BMPET-240	9-18-61	CH #8	V-316 kw	U	1-18-60
AH: 890'		180-186	A-158 kw	MSL: 1388'	3-14-62
Mod CP(BPET-84,as mod)to chg. type of trans.antenna,AH					
WIRE	10-30-61	RE LIC. APPL. BLET-64,AUTH.GR. OPER.WSIU-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP BMPET-240 ADVISE.			
BLET-64	10-5-62	Ch. 8	V-316kw	U	10-5-62
AH:880'	MSL:1388'	180-186mcs	A-158kw		12-1-64
Lic. to cover CP (BPET-84 as mod.)					
BLET-64	10-5-62	CH.8	V-316 kw	U	10-5-62
AH: 880'	MSL:1388'	180-186	A-158 kw		12-1-64
SUPERSEDED LETTER 7-11-63 to correct Visual Trans.out.power					
BRET-52	11-9-64	same	same	same	12-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					12-1-67
LETTER BY COMMISSION ADOPTED 10-27-65: GRANTED WAIVER OF SECTION 73.651(c) OF RULES FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR re in-school programming.					
BMLET-33	11-2-65	same	V- same A-40.7 kw	same	11-2-65 12-1-67
Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERp & chg. Aur. transmitter					
LETTER BY COMMISSION ADOPTED 11-30-66 GRANTED WAIVER OF SEC. 73.651(c) OF RULES FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR re in-school programming.					
LETTER BY COMMISSION ADOPTED 9-13-67 GRANTED WA IVER OF SEC. 73.651(c) OF RULES FOR PER. END. 9-1-68 re in-school programming.					
BRET-52	11-24-67	CH.8	V-316 kw	U	12-1-67
AH:880' MSL: ~~MSL: 1388'~~		180-186	A-40.7 kw		12-1-70

RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
LETTER BY	COMMISSION	8-27-68	GRANTED	WAIVER OF	SEC. 73.
651 (C) FOR	PERIOD	END.	12-1-70 RE	IN SCHOOL	PROGRAMMING.
BRET-52	11-25-70	RENEWAD	OF LICENSE	& NDEA	12-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRET-52	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			12-1-76
Ltr.	1-14-75	Sect. 73.669 re program logs waived.			
BRET-52	11-15-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			12-1-79
BRET-790801KI	2-22-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			12-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm Educational TV B/C

Call Letters WSIU-TV ~~WSW~~ WSIU

Name BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
(P.O. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. % Buren C. Robbins, Director of Broadcasting

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-84 Recd & filed	6-15-59 6-23-59	CP for a new non-Comm Educational TV B/C sta. Freq: Ch # 8, 180-186 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited Station location: Carbondale, Illinois Studio L: NW Corner South Illinois and Grand, Carbondale, Illinois T-L: US Highway 51, approx. 2 miles South of Tamaroa, Tamaroa, Illinois (Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-25BH) (865') Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty George P. Adair Engr. Co. Engrs.	GRANTED	11-18-59
BMPET-229 Recd& Filed	6-29-60 7-1-60	Mod. of CP (BPET-84 which authorized a new Non-Comm Educational TV B/C station) to extend completion date from 7-18-60 to 1-18-61. Norman E. Jorgensen-atty	GRANTED	7-20-60

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm. EDUCA. TV

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Carbondale, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-233 Recd.&Filed	12-30-60 1-3-61	Mod. of CP (BPET-84,as mod.,which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/c Station) to extend completion date from 1-18-61 to 9-1-61 Norman E. Jorgensen,Atty.	GRANTED	1-12-61
BMPET-239 Recd.&Filed	8-9-61 8-11-61	Mod. of CP (BPET-84, as mod.,which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 9-1-61 to 3-1-62. Norman E. Jorgensen,Atty.	GRANTED	8-28-61
BMPET-240 Recd.&Filed	8-3-61 8-11-61	Mod. of CP (BPET-84,as mod)to change type of transmitter from RCA TT-25BH to G.E. 4TT-46-A1, chg. type of antenna from RCA TW-18A to G.E. TY-53B1, decrease AH to 859.2', and make other equipment changes. Filed by Norman E. Joregensen,Atty.	GRANTED	9-18-61

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

NON COM. EDUCATIONAL TV

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CH.8 Carbondale, Illinois ZIP NO. 62903

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLET-64 R & F	10-27-61 10-30-61	License to cover CP (BPET-84, as modified) which authorized a new Non Commercial Educational Television broadcast station Norman E. Jorgensen-atty	GRANTED	10-5-62
BRET-52 Recd.&Filed	8-24-64 8-27-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert A. Woods,Atty.(KRIEGER& JORGENSEN)	GRANTED	11-9-64
LETTER(3) Rec.	10-12-65 10-12-65	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.651 OF COMMISSION'S RULES re in-school programming. Norman E. Jorgensen-atty filed	GRANTED 10-27-65 for period of one year. COMM. LETTER ADOPTED.	
BMLET-33 Recd.&Filed	10-18-65 10-20-65	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 40.5 kw and change aural transmitter to GE 4TT-32B. Krieger & Jorgensen,Atty.	GRANTED	11-2-65
BRET-52 R & F SEP 7 1967	7-31-67 8-29-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE N.E.Jorgensen,Atty.	GRANTED	11-24-67

ENGR. DATA FILED 8-19-70

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Ch. 8 Carbondale, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-52 Rec. & filed PN RECD PRESS	8-11-70 8-19-70 8-18-70 SEP 1 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE E. Theodore Mallyck (Mallyck & Bernton)	GRANTED	11-25--70
BRET-52 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	8-24-73 8-28-73 8-28-73 SEP 10 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Theodore Mallyck (Mallyck & Bernton) Amended 10-15-73 re equal employment	GRANTED	11 28 73
BRET-52 R&F PN RECD PRESS	7-19-76 7-28-76 7-28-76 27 AUG 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: (Mallyck & Bernton) XX CONTOURS FILED: 9-28-76 XX 323	GRANTED	11-15-76

CARD NO. 5

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

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Name: BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CH-8

Station Location: CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRET 790801KI R & F PN REC'D PRESS	6-29-79 8-1-79 8-1-79 79 08 16	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 2-22-80
BRCCTV-801118KG R&F	11-18-80	Request authority to operate trans. by remote controle fromCommunications bldg. Southern Illinois University Campus, Carbondale, Ill. Jerry L. Kline,Chief Eng.	GRANTED 2-13-81

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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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.