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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official No. 849
Date first licensed 3-15-76

Call letters WCDE

Station location Elkins, W. Va.

Name of licensee Board of Trustees of Davis and Elkins College

Transmitter location Halliehurst Hall, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, W.V. (PED 12-27-74)

Main studio location

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### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Board of Trustees of Davis and Elkins College Name Elkins, West Virginia (PO c/o Dr. Gordon Hermanson, President, Elkins, W. Va. 262/1) Action File No. Dated Application for Nature Date 9-19-74 CP for New Educ. FM on: 90.3mhz. #212 BPED-1,909 GRANTED 12-27-74 9-23-74 TPO: 10 Watts R&F NO FEE REQUIRED Trans: LPB, Inc-FM-10; Ant: Phelps-Dodge-ECFM-PRESS: OCT 2 1974 2, 2 sects. PN REC'd: 10-11-74 SL: Halliehurst Hall, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, West 'irginia. 389-56--00----799-50--05---Atty----Engr---AMENDED 10-7-74 Ltr, w/ref to any objections to grant of the above application. Chg, transmission line; chg. ant. (Phelps-12-6-74 AMENDED Dodge ECFM-3, 3 sects.); make chg. ant. system Press DEC 1 7 1974 (incr. hght.); and correct coordinates. 38° 55' 50" - 79° 50' 51" BLED-1459 10-3-75 Lic.(BPED-1909, as mod.)-New Sta. GRANTED 3-15-76 Transmitter: MARTI, M-10/FM-E. 10-10-75 R & F 10-17-75 R PTA F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. FRESS NOV 21 1975

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Name Board of Trustees of Davis and Elkins College Elkins, West Virginia

File No. Dated		- Application for	Nature Nature	Nature Date	
BRED-849 R&F PRESS	5-25-78 5-30-78 JUN 2 8 1978	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-30-78	
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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 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

