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NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL-FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed May 24, 1968

Call letters W C A L-FM

Northfield, Minnesota
Station location

Name of licensee St. Olaf College

Eleveth Ave. at 326th St., Northfield, Minn. (Redesc. LED 5-24-68)

Transmitter location X Cedar Ave., Rd., 1.9 mi. NW of Northfield, Minnesota (PED-9-1-67)

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Main studio location WCAL Bldg. on Campus of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. (PED-9-1-67)
(LED 5-24-68)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period	
					From	To
BPED-820 HAAT: 400'	9-1-67	89.3mc. ch# 207	ERP: 100kw(h&v) U TPO: 17.5kw		11-1-67 5-1-68	
CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station with RC.						
BPED-820 (1)	11-16-67	Mod. of CP(BPED-820) to assign call letters W C A L-FM.				
BRCD-62 (2)	4-15-68	MP(BPED-820) to operate by RC				
BLED-647 TPO: 17.4kw	5-24-68	89.3mc	ERP: 100kw(H&V) U Lic. to cover CP BPED-820 as mod.,	RC	4-1-71	for new Ed FM
BRED-371 EBSA	3-25-71 5-15-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)				4-1-74
BRED-371(S)	3-29-74	RENEWAL				4-1-77
BRED-371	3-15-77	Renewal of Lic.				4-1-80
BRED791203B3	3-25-80	Renewal of License				4-1-83

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **W C A L-FM**
Letters **-New-Eduey-FM-**

Name **ST...OLAF...COLLEGE**
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA (PO c/o Midford C. Jensen, Northfield, Minnesota 55057)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-820 R & F	5-15-67 5-17-67	CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on: Freq.: 89.3mcs, Ch.#207 ERP: 100kw(H&V) Type trans.: Collins 830H-1A TPO: 17.4kw Type ant.: Collins 37CP-12, 12 sections HAAT: 403.5 feet Trans. loc.: Cedar Avenue Road, 1.9 mile Northwest of Northfield, Minnesota Studio loc.: WCAL Building, St. Olaf College Campus, Northfield, Minnesota RC pt. loc.: Same as Studio Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.(L.A.Roberts) Jansky & Bailey, Engr. (W.V.Weakley)(Alexandria,Va.)	GRANTED	9-1-67

CONTACT: Milford C. Jensen

PHONE: Code 507; 645-5621, Ext. 271

ADDRESS: Northfield, Minnesota

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCAL-FM

Name ST. OLAF COLLEGE
Northfield, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCD-62 R & F APR 15 1968	4-5-68 4-9-68	RC from WCAL Bldg., on Campus of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. Atty.: L. Adrian Roberts	GRANTED	4-15-68
BLED-647 R & F PT	3/26/68 3/28/68 4/5/68	License (BPED-820, for new station). Atty: L. Adrian Roberts	GRANTED	5-24-68
BRED-371 R & F PN Recd. PRESS FEB 10 1971	12-31-70 1-4-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-25-71
BRED-371 R & F PN PRESS	12-31-73 1-4-74 1-4-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-29-74

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Non-COMM. ED. FM

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May 1976

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WCAL-FMName ST. OLAF COLLEGE
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-371 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-30-76 12-1-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-15-77
BRED 791203 PRESS	FEB 4 1977 B3	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-25-80

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.

