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June 1975

NON-COMM-EDUCATIONAL-~~FM~~

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-9-79

Call letters WBAK

Station location Angola, Indiana

Name of licensee TRI-STATE COLLEGE

Transmitter location Stewart Hall-Park Street, Angola, Indiana (PH-4-19-77)

Main studio location Stewart Hall-Park Street, Angola, Indiana (PH-4-19-77)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
BPED-2354 HAAT: 150' (h&v) (L)	4-19-77	88.3mhz #202	ERP:200 TPO:265	W(h&v) U Watts	10-19-77
		CP for new class-A educational FM broadcast station.			
BPED-2354(1)	8-29-77	CALL LETTERS & EBSA ASSIGNED			
BPED-780918AP (L)	10-30-78	CP to replace expired CP			10-30-79
BPED-781004AB (L)	8-9-79	Lic.(BPED-2354, as rein.) for NEW STATION			8-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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XNEW-EDUC FM

Call
Letters

Name Tri-State College
Angola, Indiana PO Stewart Hall-Part Street, Angola, Indiana 46703)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2354 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS: OCT 28 1976 PN REC'D	6-20-76 6-30-76 2-22-77	CP for new Educ FM on: 88.3mhz #202 ERP: .2KW HAAT: 151' Trans. Gates -FM-250B; Ant: Phelps-Dodge-ECFM-2 2 sects TL-SL: Stewart Hall-Park Street, Angola, Indiana 41° 37' 53" 85° 00' 37" Atty:----- Engr:-----	GRANTED COND'L	4-19-77
AMENDED	9-23-76	Correct copy of V-G		
BPED780918AP PRESS	OCT 18 1978	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BPED-2354)	GRANTED	10-30-78
BLED-781004AB PTA: PRESS:	11-17-78	License to cover (BPED-2354, as rein.) for NEW STATION Atty:-----	GRANTED	8-9-79

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.

