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NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-9-71

Call letters WJMU

Station location Decatur, Illinois

Name of licensee Millikin University

Transmitter location 1184 West Main Street, Decatur, Illinois (PED-9-15-70)

62522

Main studio location SAME AS TRANSMITTER

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPED-1104 HAAT:--'	9-15-70	89.9mc	ERP:-- Ch#210 TPO: 10watts		11-11 9-15-71
CP For New EDUC. FM Station.....					
BPED-1,104 (1)	11-9-70		Call letters Assigned.		
BLED-872(L)	4-9-71	Lic.(BPED-1,104, as mod.) Educational B/c Station.			for NEW FM 12-1-73
BRED-493	3-22-64	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12 1-76
BPED-2192(L)	1-30-76	89.9mhz	TPO: 10 Watts U CP chg antenna		1-30-77
BRED-493	1-25-77	Renewal of License			12-1-79

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **W J M U**
Letters **NEW-EDUC-FM**

Name Millikin University
Decatur, Illinois (PO 1184 West Main Street, Decatur, Illinois 62522)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,104 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: PN REC'd:	5-14-70 5-18-70 26 MAY 1970	CP for New Educ. FM on: 89.9mc. #210 TPO: 10 watts Trans: Gates-BFE-10C; Ant: Gates-FM-22, 2 sections. T-SL: 1184 West Main Street, Decatur, Illinois 39° 50' 30" - 88° 58' 29" Atty----- Engr-----	GRANTED	9-15-70
BLEED-872 R & F PTA Amended PRESS MAR 10 1971	2-19-71 2-23-71 3-3-71 3-23-71	Lic.(BPED-1,104, as mod.) for <u>new</u> Educational FM Broadcast Station. Section VI-Statement.	GRANTED	4-9-71

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W J M UName MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-493 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-29-73 8-31-73 " 13 SEP 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-22-76
BPED-2192 Rec'd PRESS	11-14-75 10-6-75 OCT 10 1975	CP to install new ant. (PHELPS-DODGE, ECFM-4, 4 sects.) install new tower.	RETURNED With-Ref. to-Sig- on-Sect. I-and-Sect-V-B	1-18-75
Resubmitted Filed No Fee Required PRESS	12-22-75 12-22-75 JAN 26 1976		GRANTED	1-30-76
BRED-493 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-30-76 8-5-76 AUG 18 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-25-77

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W J M U ^{89.9mhz}

Name: Millikin University

Station Location: Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRED790801B3 PRESS OCT 11 1979		Renewal of License	GRANTED 11-30-79
791228AI (C)		CP incr ERP: 165.75KW HAAT: 115'	<u>RETURNED 12-5-80</u> <u>Not acceptable for</u> <u>filing re: inter-</u> <u>ference.</u>
810618AM Amended	7-7-81	Construction permit chg frequency from 89.9MHz #210 to 89.5MHz #208 and incr power to .265KW Section I	

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.

