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NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-15-71

Call letters WKDU

Station location Philadelphia, Pa.

DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Name of licensee Drexel Institute of Technology

Transmitter location Spangler & Powelton Aves., Phila., Pa. (MP 5-24-71)
3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (PED-2-24-71)

Main studio location 3202 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (PED-2-24-71)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPED-958 HAAT: - - ' COND'LS	2-24-71	91.7mc Ch#219 CP For New EDUC Station.	ERP: - - TPO: 10watt	**	4-24 2-24-72
**Share time with WPWT, Philadelphia, Penn- sylvania, Philadelphia Wireless Technical Institute.					
BPED-958(1)	6-7-71	Call letters assigned.	-----		
BPED-795(L)	5-24-71	MP chg. name, TL, trans. & ant. sys.	-----		
Contel	7-21-71	Delete antenna spacing requirements.	-----		
BLED-914 (L)	11-15-71	91.7mc Lic.(BPED-958, as mod.) for New Ed. FM Broadcast Station.	TPO: 10w	Unlimited	8-1-72
EBSA	5-15-72	-----			
BPED-523(S)	7-31-72	RENEWAL		8-1-75	
BRED-523(S)	11-17-75	RENEWAL		8-1-78	
BRED-523(L)	7-27-78	Renewal		8-1-81	
BPED-791227AN HAAT: 170' (h&v) (L)	4-14-81	91.7mhz. CP to incre.	ERP: 0.110kw ERP; chg.	(h) 0.099kw (V)	4-14-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters

W K D U
Unassigned

Drexel University
Name Drexel Institute of Technology
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPED-795 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: 10 MAY 1971	4-27-71 4-28-71	MP(BPED-958)chg. transmitter loc. to: Spangler and Powelton Avenues, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Change Trans(Wilkenson-FM-10E); Ant(Jampro-JLCP-4, 4 sects). make chgs in ant system(decr. hght) & change name of permittee. Atty-None. Engr-Stephen L. Finberg	GRANTED	5-24-71
BLED-914 Rec'd Amended & F PTA PRESS	9-9-71 9-14-71 9-24-71 9-20-71 NOV 11 1971	Lic.(BPED-958, as mod.) for New FM Educ. B/c Sta. Sect. I date - also Sect. VI.	GRANTED	11-15-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W K D U

Name DREXEL UNIVERSITY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-523 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 6 1972	5-2-72 5-5-72 " 6 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-72
BRED-523 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 2 1975	3-21-75 3-26-75 " APR 2 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-17-75
BRED-523 R & F PRESS APR 17 1978	3-31-78 " APR 17 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-27-78

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WKDU

91.7MHz

Name: DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Station Location: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	DATE OFF	Description	Action and Date
APPL BPED-791227AN JAN 29 '81 Amended PN RECD.	MAR 13 '81 12-28-79 1-21-80	incr ERP: 110 watts (H)099 watts (V); HAAT: 169' H&V Original of Exhibit No. 5	GRANTED: 4-14-81 Cond'1
BRED810401ZC PRESS MAY 28 1981		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 7-17-81

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.

