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NON-COMMERCIAL EDUC. FM

June 1954

Official No. 372

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed May 24, 1968

Call letters WKPS

Station location New Wilmington, Pa.

Name of licensee Westminster College Board of Trustees

Transmitter location Arts & Science Bldg., Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. (PED-9-19-67)
(LED 5-24-68)

Zip 16142

Main studio location Same as Transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPED-826 HAAT: -280 Cond'1	9-19-67	88.9mc ch# 205	ERP: 39watts TPO: 75 watts	U	11-19-67 5-19-68
CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station.					
BPED-826 (1)	12-7-67	Mod. of	CP(BPED-826)	to assign call letters W K P S.	
BLED-642	5-24-68	88.9mc	ERP:39w	Unl.	8-1-69
Lic. to cover BPED-826 for new Noncml. Educ. FM					
BRED-372(S)	7-24-69	Renewal			8-1-72
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-372(S)	7-31-72		RENEWAL		8-1-75
BRED-372(S)	7-23-75		RENEWAL		8-1-78
BRED-372(L)	7-27-78		Renewal		8-1-81

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ~~New Wilms. FM~~

Name WESTMINSTER COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW WILMINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA (PO c/o Richard V. Stevens, II, New Wilmington,

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Pennsylvania	
			Nature	Date 16142)
BPED-826 R & F JUL 27 1967	6-15-67 6-16-67	CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on: Freq.: 88.9mcs, Ch.#205 ERP: .0384kw Type trans.: RCA FM-75A TPO: 75w Type ant.: Gates FM-11, 1 section HAAT: minus 24.5 feet Trans. loc.: Arts & Science Building New Wilmington, Pennsylvania Studio loc.: Same as Trans. loc.	GRANTED Cond'l re data in accord with 73.550 for type accept. of trans.	9-19-67
BLER-642 Rec'd Resub: R & F PT	10/19/67 12/6/67 3/5/68 3/6/68 1/22/68	Lic. to cover CP (BPED-826) which auth. a new FM non-commercial educational b/c station,	RETURNED 2/23/68 incorrect date.	5-24-68

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ADDRESS: R. D. 2

New Wilmington, Pennsylvania 16142

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New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-372 R & F PRESS JUN 10 1969	4-15-69 5-8-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-24-69
BRED-372 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 25 1972	4-14-72 4-19-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-72
BRED-372 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 6 1975	3-24-75 3-28-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-75
BRED-372 R & F PRESS APR 25 1978	3-29-78 3-31-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-27-78

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
88.9MHz

Call Letters: WKPS

Name: WESTMINISTER COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Station Location: NEW WILMINTON, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPED 701221AW ACCEPTED PN RECD. JAN 20 '81	CUT OFF 4-18-80 12-22-80	incr ERP: 108 watts; HAAT: minus 35.2' Profile Maps (See Over)	
BRED810406UD PRESS MAY 5 1981		Renewal of License	GRANTED 8-11-81

Amended

Community Ascertainment

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.

