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~~NON-COMM. COL. EDUCATIONAL~~
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

~~NON-COMM ED FM~~

~~CHANGED TO COMM. FM ON 1-19-55 CP-Licensed~~

Date first licensed April 23, 1951

Call letters WMUR ^{WMUK/} ^{on 10-4-55} ^{Ltr. 4-26-61}

Station Location - Kalamazoo, Michigan

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (ML 6-27-57)

Name of licensee X WESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

24th Street and AB Avenue, 5.9 mi. SE of Plainwell, Michigan (PH-3-1-73)

X Maybee Music Bldg.

Transmitter location W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Friedman Hall, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan (PH-3-1-73)

X MAYBEE BUILDING

Main studio location X MAYBEE BUILDING / WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPED-155	5-24-50	91.1 CP for new Non-Comm. Ed. Sta.	400W	U	7-24-50 to 1-24-51
BPED-184	3-21-51	CP replace expired BPED-155			To 9-21-51
BLHD-98 BPED-155,	4-23-51	License to cover CP as reinstated by BPED-155)			to 9-1-52
BRPD-79	8-6-52	Renewal of license to			9-1-55
BPH-2000 CHG. Non-Comm. Ed. TO COMM. FM	1-19-55	CP chg. freq. to FM 102.1mc, ERP 36.4kw; terr. 160ft; type trans. WE, 506B-2, 10kw, and chg antenna system			3-19-55 9-19-55
Wire 3-29-55 SA operate facil. IN BPH-2000 period 60 days pending receipt & action on license					
WIRE	6-9-55	ET. SA Interim oper. to			8-9-55
BLH-1078 Non-Comm. ED. FM to 102.1 mcs.	10-4-55	Lic. to cover BPH-2000 which changed from Commercial FM Band. TO 10-1-58 (L) ERP 36 kw, Terr: 160 feet			
BMLH-103 (1)	6-27-57	Mod. of lic. to change name to WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (S)			
BRH-796	9-17-58	102.1	36kw	U	10-1- 10-1-61
BPH-3017 HAAT: 160'	6-20-60	Construction permit to change description of transmitting equipment.			
CH-271 TPO: 10kw.		102.1mcs.,	36kw,	Unl.	8-20 to 2-20-61
BLH-1729 (1)	2-16-61	Lic. to cover cp (BPH-3017) which auth. chgs. in trans. equip.			
BRH-796	4- 5-62	102.1mc	36kw	Un	4-5 10-1-64
BRCH-425 (1)	2-21-63	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Maybee Music Building, West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.			
BRH-796 HAAT: 160'	9-14-64	102.1mcs	ERP: 36kw	Unl.	10-1-64
		Ch. #271	TPO: 10kw		10-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE. (Sect. 73.261 waived)					

Form BC 126

June 1954

CARD#2

FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W M U K

Station location KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

Name of licensee WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4659 HAAT: 160'	12-10-64	102.1mc	ERP 39kw TPO: 10kw	Unl.	2-10-65 8-10-65
	CP to install new ant. (RCA BFA-4B, 4 secs.); incr. ERP; show trans. as Composite RCA BTF-10E with RCA BTE-10B exciter; (SECT. 73.261 waived)				
BLH-2780 (1)	4-5-65	Lic. for CP(BPH-4659) which auth install new ant and trans incr. ERP;			
BRH-796	9-25-67	102.1mc	ERP: 39kw TPO: 10kw	Unl.	10-1 10-1-70
BSH-796(1)	12-7-69	ML to show trans. as RCA-BTF-10EL.			
BRH-796	9-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			10-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BSCA-1206	10-24-72	SCA	67 khz.		
BPH-8096 HAAT: 490' (H&V)	3-1-73	102.1mhz.	ERP: 50kw (H&V) #271 (RC) Class B CP chg, TL, SL, & RC Loc. install new trans., ant., make chgs. ant. system (incr. hgt.) chgs ERP, HAAT.		3-1-74
BSH-796(1)	4-23-73	ML chg.	RC Loc.		
BRH-796(S)	9-27-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76
BRSCA-1206	"	RENEWAL of SCA			"
BLH-5990(L)	12-4-73	Lic. (BPH-8096) - Changes			10-1-76
BRH-796(S)	9-15-76	Renewal of license			10-1-79
BRSCA-1206	"	Renewal of SCA			"
BRH790530YU	9-21-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **WMCH**Name **WESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan**West Michigan Avenue,**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-155 Recd & Filed	4-4-50	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational FM b/c sta.: Frequency: 91.1 mc. E.R.P.: 400 watts T-L: Intersection of West Michigan Ave. & Van de Giessen Rd., Kalamazoo, Michigan (GE, BT-1-B, 250 watts) S: Same	GRANTED	5-24-50
	4-14-50			
BPED-184 Recd. & Filed	1-30-51 1-31-51 1-31-51	Construction permit to replace C. P. (BPED-155) which authorized a new Non-Comm. Educa. FM B/c. station which expired 1-24-51.	GRANTED	3-21-51
BPED-98 Rec'd Resubmitted & Filed	2-26-51 3-1-51 3-16-51	Appl. for lic. to cover CP (BPED-155, as rein-stated by BPED-184)	Returned - signed by - Chief Engr. GRANTED	4-23-51
BPED-79 Recd. Filed	5-13-52 5-15-52 5-15-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-6-52

CARD 2

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Name WESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2000 Recd. & Filed	12-16-54 12-20-54	C.P. to change frequency to FM Band. Frequency: 102.1 mcs. Ch. 271 ; ERP: 36.40 kw; Ant. ht. above average terr: 161 ft; type transmitter to WE 506 B-2, 10 kw. & change antenna system.	GRANTED	1-19-55
BLH-1078 Recd & filed	8-23-55 8-26-55	License to cover C. P. (BPH-2000 which author- ized a new FM B/C station - to change from XXXXXXNON COMMERCIAL FM TO FM BAND.	GRANTED	10-4-55
BMLH-103 Recd Resub. Recd & filed	5-2-57 5-6-57 6-12-57 6-14-57	Mod. of license to change name to Western Michigan University.	Ret. 5-10-57 re name, dates GRANTED	6-27-57

FORM BC-121 #3
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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~~W-H-U-K~~

Name WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-796 Rec'd Filed	6-24-58 7-2-58 7-2-58	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-17-58
BPH-3017 R & F	5-25-60 5-31-60	Construction Permit to make changes in transmitting equipment (replace existing W.E. exciter-AFC system with new RCA, BTE-10B exciter-AFC system).	GRANTED	6-20-60
BLH-1729 R & F	11-21-60 11-25-60	License to cover C.P. (BPH-3017) which authorized changes in transmitting equipment.	GRANTED	2-16-61
BRH-796 Rec'd Filed	6-30-61 7-3-61 7-3-61	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-5-62

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters **WMUK**Name **WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCH-425 Rec'd Filed	2-11-63 2-13-63 2-13-63	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Maybee Music Building, West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.	GRANTED Eff:	2-21-63 4-29-63.
BRH-796 Rec'd Filed	6-16-64 6-19-64 6-19-64	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-14-64
BPH-4659 R&F	11-2-64 11-4-64	Construction permit to change type ant (RCA-BFA-4B, 4 sections); and increase ERP to 38.784kw.	GRANTED	12-10-64
BLH-2780 R&F	2-16-65 2-17-65	License to cover CP (BPH-4659) which authorized install new ant and trans, and increase in ERP.	GRANTED	4-5-65
BRH-796 R & F	6-2-67 6-5-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-25-67

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add FM channel in Kala-
mazo, Mich & Dkt 14185
re FM ed. a location

Form BC-121
September 1969

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Name WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-796 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-2-70 7-6-70 AUG 17 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-30-70
BSCA-1,206 R & F No Fee Required Press	9-14-72 9-18-72 OCT 4 1972	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	10-24-72
BRH-8096 R & F No Fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd	9-14-72 9-18-72 OCT 24 1972 10-4-72	CP to chg. TL to: 24th Street at AB Ave., Near Kalamazoo, Michigan (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) XXXXXX 5.9 miles SE of Plainwell, Michigan; chg. SL & RC to: Western Michigan, University, Friedmann Hall, Kalamazoo, Michigan; install new trans. (RCA BTF-20E1); install new ant. (RCA BFC-5B, 5 sects.); make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. ERP: 50KW (H&V); HAAT: 483'-(H&V): (42° 25' 03" - 85° 31' 55")	GRANTED	3-1-73

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Letters W M U K

Name Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-8096 AMENDED	CONTINUED FROM 11-16-72	CARD #5 Make chg. ant. system and chg. HAAT: 489'.		
BRH-796 R & F	6-28-73 7-2-73	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-27-73
BRSCA-1206 PN PRESS	6-28-73 7-2-73 AUG 1973	Renewal of SCA		
BLH-5990 R & F PTA PRESS	10-15-73 10-17-73 10-31-73 NOV 20 1973	Lic.(BPH-8096)-Changes.	GRANTED	12-4-73
REQUEST FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE filed 12-16-74 by WHW Enterprises, Inc.(requesting WMUK Ch. be changed to Ch.210)				
	2-19-75	OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY WHW ENTERPRISES, INC.	COMLET 10-3-75 request dismissed. A new channel was assigned to Kalamazoo.	

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102.1mhz.

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Name **WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**
Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
	3-4-75	OPPOSITION TO "REQUEST FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE" FILED BY WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	See Card 6 for action	
BRH-796	5-28-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-15-76
BRSCA-1206	"	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F	6-1-76			
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	JUL 19 1976			
BRH 790530 YU		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-21-79
PRESS	JUL 10 1979			

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.

