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**BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD** WNIU-FM (Eff: 6-1-68)  
 NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL XWNIU (Eff: 5-3-68)

XWNIU

Date first licensed **October 22, 1954**
 Call Letters  
 LOCATION: DE KALB, ILLINOIS

 Name of licensee ..... **NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (BMLED 10-24-58)**  
**XNORTHERN ILLINOIS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE**

 Radio Bldg., 544 College Avenue, DeKalb, Ill. (redescription BLED 10-15-68)  
 \*Radio Bldg., Northern Ill. Univ. Campus, DeKalb, Ill. (PED 4-30-64) <sup>3/1/65</sup>  
 XScience Building, on College Campus in 200 Block E. side of  
 Transmitter location ..... **Normal Rd, De Kalb, Illinois**

 Radio Bldg., 544 College Ave., DeKalb, Ill. (redescription per ltr. of 4-17-79 Canceling RC)  
 XStadium Dr., East at Computer Bldg. (NIU), DeKalb, Illinois (RCED-1-24-78)

 X Same as trans. (redescription BLED 10-15-68)  
 XRadio Bldg. on College Campus, De Kalb, Ill. (SED 2-19-64)

 Main studio location ..... **XLibrary Building, on College Campus**  
**De Kalb, Illinois**

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPED-252	5-10-54	CP new	Non-Comm Ed Bc Sta:		7-10-54 1-10-55
		91.1mcs	TPO 10w		
WIRE 9-28-54 Equipment Test auth. during experimental period accord. BPED-252. Nec. obtain auth. for SA.					
WIRE 10-6-54 Auth. conduct prog. test accord. BPED-252					
BPED-159 10-22-54 Lic. to cover CP (BPED-252) to 12-1-55					
BRED-121	11-9-55	Renewal of license		to	12-1-58 L
BMED-14	10-24-58	Mod. license to change name to: Northern Illinois University.			
BRED-121	11-12-58	91.1mcs.	TPO 10w	U	12-1 12-1-61
	11-29-61	Action renewal Deferred.			
BRED-121	2-28-62	Renewal of license			2-28 12-1-64
BSED-121 (1)	2-19-64	Mod. of Lic. to chg. studio loc.			
BPED-607	4-30-64	89.7mcs	ERP:630w	Unl.	6-30-64
HAAT:250'		Ch.#209	TPO:250w		12-30-64
CP for existing station to chg. freq. & incr. facilities.					
BPED-458 (1)	7-28-64	Mod of CP (BPED-607) to change trans to (Collins-8300-1A), increase TPO and ERP.			
BLED-462	3-1-65	89.7mcs	ERP:2.5kw	U	3-1 12-1-67
HAAT:260'		CH.#210	TPO:930w		
Lic to cover CP (BPED-607 as Mod) which auth increase in ERP, TPO, and HAAT; change in frequency and ant-trans loc; and install new trans and ant; and specify TPO of 930w.					
BRED-121	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BPED-891	6-11-68	89.5mc.	ERP: 2.5kw	Unl.	2-11-69
HAAT: 260'		ch# 208	TPO: 930watts		
CP chg. freq;					
BLED-668 (L)	10-15-68	Lic. to cover CP (BPED-891)			12-1-70
BRED-121(S)	11-25-70	Renewal			12-1-73
BSCA-1044	1-14-72	Request for SCA		67khz.	

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CARD No. 2

June 1954

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WNIU-FM

Station location DE KALB, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee SEE CARD NO. 1

Transmitter location SEE CARD NO. 1

Main studio location SEE CARD NO. 1

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPED-1507 HAAT: 250' (H&V)	7-25-73	89.5mhz. #208	ERP: 50kw (H&V) Class E		7-25-74
		CP install new trans., ant., make chgs. transmission line, chg. ERP, HAAT.			
BRED-121(S) BRSCA-1,044	12-12-73 "	RENEWAL "	of SCA		12-1-76 "
BMPED-1,076 (1)	2-15-74	MP (BPED-1507) & TPO	Chg. Trans: Ant.		
BMPED-1136 (2)	7-18-74	MP (BPED-1507)	ext. time to		10-31-74
BLED-1288(L) HAAT: 250' (H&V)	9-30-74	Lic. (BPED-1507, 89.5mhz. ERP: 50kw (H&V)	as mod.)	Changes	12-1-76
BRED121 (S) BRSCA-1044	9-9-77	RENEWAL "	OF LICENSE " SCA		12-1-79
BRCED-175 (1)	1-24-78	ML to chg SL &	operate trans by RC		
COM LTR.	5-7-79	CHG. SL/RC TO FORMER LOCATION: Radio Bldg., 544 College Ave., DeKalb, Ill			
BMSCA790319AN	7/23/79	SCA			12/1/79
BRED790803UB BRSCA "	11-30-79	Renewal of License &	SCA		12-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Name NORTHERN ILLINOIS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
DE KALB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-252 Recd. Filed	1-14-54 4-20-54 4-20-54	C.P. for a new Non-Commercial Educational FM B/c. stations Frequency: 88.1 mcs. Ch. 201 U TPO: 10 watts ERP: 0.0089 kw T-L: Science Bldg., on College Campus in 200 Block East side of Normal Rd, De Kalb, Illinois S-L: Library Bldg., on College Campus, De Kalb, Illinois (GATES BF-E-10, 10 w)	GRANTED  91.1 <i>WHE</i>	5-10-54
BLED- 159 Recd. Resub. Recd. & filed	9-30-54 10-4-54 9-30-54 10-14-54	License to cover the above.	<del>Ret. 10-7-54 re Sig.</del> <del>Not enough copies of</del> appl. GRANTED	10-22-54

CARD 2

FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Name  NORTHERN ILLINOIS STATE COLLEGE

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-121 Rec'd & filed	8-1-55 8-8-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-55
BRED-121 Rec'd Filed	8-14-58 8-18-58 10-24-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-12-58
EMLED-14 Rec'd Filed	10-17-58 10-21-58 10-21-58	Modification of license to change name of licensee to Northern Illinois University.	GRANTED	10-24-58
BRED-121 R. & F.	9-11-61 9-12-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	2-28-62

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Name NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-607 R. & F.	3-4-64 3-6-64	CP to change freq. from 91.1mc CH 215 to 89.7mc CH 209, incr. power from 10w to 530 w, increase TPO from 10w to 250w, increase HAAT from 120 feet to 251 feet, change antenna-transmitter location from Science Building to Radio Building, N. I. U. Campus, DeKalb, Illinois; install new trans. (Collins 830B-1A), install new antenna (Andrew 1304-1A, 4 sections; increase height).	GRANTED	4-30-64
EMPED-458 R&F	6-26-64 6-29-64	Mod of CP (BPED-607 which auth chgs in freq, ERP, TPO, HAAT, and ant-trans loc; and install new trans & new ant) to incr TPO to 1kw, incr ERP to 2.516kw, and chg type trans (COLLINS-830D-1A).	GRANTED ERP: 2.5kw	8-17-64



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Name NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
DEKALB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLSD-462 R&F	8-20-64 8-26-64	License to cover CP (BPED-607 as modified) which authorized increase in ERP, TPO, AND HAAT; changes in frequency and ant-trans location; and install new trans and ant; and specify TPO of 930w.	GRANTED	3-1-65
BRED-121 R & F	8-18-67 8-21-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-24-67
SEP 13 1967 BPED-891 R & F	3-14-68 3-18-68	CP to chg. freq. from 89.7mc. #209 to 89.5mc. #208.	GRANTED	6-11-68
APR 4 1968 PN REC'D:	5-28-68			
BLSD-668 R & F PT JUL 9 1968	6/26/68 6/28/68 7/9/68	License (BPED-891) chng. freq.	GRANTED	10-15-68

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September 1969

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Letters ..... W N I U-FMName Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-121 R & F PN REC'd: PRESS: <sup>OCT 9</sup> 1970	8-21-70 8-25-70	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-25-70
BSCA-1,044 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: <sup>NOV 18</sup> 1970	11-2-70 11-4-70	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kcs.  OVER FOR AMEND.	GRANTED <del>REMOVED BY XXXXX</del> DISMISSED as moot 2-4-71 PRESS: <sup>MAR 1971</sup>	1-14-72
BPED-1,194 Rec'd: Filed: NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: <sup>DEC 8</sup> 1970 PN REC'd:	11-2-70 11-4-70 11-19-70 11-20-70	CP chg. trans. loc. to 2mi. N. of city on Taft Campus, Oregon, Ill.; Chg. studio loc. 522 College Ave., DeKalb, Illinois; operate by RC from the proposed studio site; inst all new trans(RCA-BTF-5E1); new Ant(RCA-BFC-12B, 12 sections); make chgs. in Ant. System(incr. hght); chg. TPO: 3.16kw; ERP: 15kw; operate with vert. ERP: 15kw; and chg. HAAT: 814ft. 42° 02' 32" - 89° 19' 32"	DISMISSED AS MOOT PRESS: <sup>MAR 1971</sup>	3-4-71

Atty-----

Engr-----

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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EPED-1,194 CONTINUED:  
PRESS:

AMENDED: 12-10-70 chg. name to THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE  
HONORABLE USE OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.

BSCA- 1,044 AMENDED 2-1-71 Make changes in programming Material.

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DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,507 R & F No Fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd	9-19-72 9-25-72 OCT 24 1972	CP to install new trans. (Collins 831G-1); install new ant. (Collins 37CP-6, 6 sects. (H&V); make changes in transmission line; chg. ERP: 50.0KW; chg. HAAT: 251.0'.	GRANTED	7-25-73
BRED-121 BRSCA-1,044 PNR & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-31-73 " 9-4-73 " OCT 18 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA AMENDED 11-15-73 re: EEO 7	GRANTED	12-12-73
BMPED-1,076 R & F No Fee Required Press	1-16-74 1-28-74 FEB 8 - 1974	MP (BPED-1,508) chg. trans. (Gates Division, Harris-Intertype Division FM-20H3); change ant. (Gates Division Harris-Intertype Corporation FMS-6, 6 sects. and chg. TPO.	GRANTED	2-15-74
BMPED-1136 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS	6-24-74 6-28-74 JUL 15 1974	MP (BPED-1507) ext. time to 10-31-74. (Changes)	GRANTED TO	7-18-74 10-31-74

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DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-1288 R & F PTA PRESS	8-5-74 8-7-74 8-13-74 SEP 20 1974	Lic.(BPED-1507, as mod.) - Changes.	GRANTED	9-30-74
BRED-121 BRSEA-1044 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-30-76 " 8-2-76 AUG 23 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA AMENDED 7-5-77 re: engineering	GRANTED	9-9-77
BPED- Rec'd Filed PN REC'D PRESS:	12-2-77 12-14-77	Construction permit to chg TL: Stadium Drive, opposite Dorland Bldg. Northern Illinois Univ. Dekalb, Illinois; SL&RC: Stadium Drive east at Computer Bldg. N.I.U. DeKalb, Illinois; chg HAAT: 500' make chgs in ant sys (incr hght) 41° 55' 57" 88° 46' 57" ATTY:----- ENGR: John Freberg (DeKalb, Illinois)	RETURNED	6-23-78 VIO. OF SECT 73.509 (C)

BRED-121 Amendment ret'd 6-15-77 re: signature

Form BC-121  
May 1976

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Letters ..... WNIU-FM .....Name ..... NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCED-175 R & F PRESS:	12-2-77 12-14-77 JAN 20 1978	Modification of License to change studio location to: Stadium Drive East at Computer Bldg (NIU), DeKalb, Illinois and operate transmitter by Remote control from the proposed studio site.  Atty:-----	GRANTED  <u>CANCELLED</u>	1-24-78  <u>5-7-79</u>
BMSCA790319AN PRESS (0)	APR 9 1979	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in Programming.	GRANTED	7/23/79
BRED 790803 BRSCA " PRESS	B B AUG 24 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	11-30-79

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

