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June 1975

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed December 18, 1978

Call letters WPCD

Station location Champaign, Ill

Name of licensee Parkland College {Community College District No. 505}

Transmitter location 2410 Skyline Dr., {W. Bradley Ave} Champaign, Ill  
{PED 10-5-76}

Main studio location 2400 West Bradley Ave., Champaign, Ill {PED 10-5-76}

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPED-2227 HAAT: 290' {L}	10-5-76 H&V	88.7MHz ch. 204	ERP: 3.3kw Class-B	H&V U {RC}	10-5-77
CP for NEW EDUC FM Station					
BPED-2227(1) EBSA	12-20-76	Call letters assigned			
BMPED-1517(2)	9-13-77	MP(BPED-2227) ext time to 4-5-78			
LTR.	2-23-78	TRANS: HARRIS IM-2.5H3 now installed			
BLED-1743  Lic. (BPED-2227, as	12-18-78	88.7Mhz, TPO: 2.5kW mod.)for	ERP: 3.3kW(H&V) HAAT: 290'(H&V)		12-1-79
BRED790724UG (S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **W P C D**  
Letters **XNEW-EDUC-FM**

Name Parkland College (Community College District #505)  
Champaign, Illinois (PO Ed Kelly, Faculty Adviser, 2400 W. Bradley Avenue,

File No.	Dated	Champaign, Illinois 61820) Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2227	3-12-76	CP for New Educ. FM on: 88.7mhz #204 ERP: 3.290KW HAAT: 291' Trans: Gates FM-2.5H3; Ant: Gates FMC-3A, 3 sects. TL: 2410 Skyline Dr., (W. Bradley Ave.), Champaign, Illinois SL-RC: 2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign,  40° 07' 32" - 88° 17' 29"  Atty: David L. Hill (Keller and Heckman) Engr:-----  Terrain profiles and topographic maps. Section V-G and correct the height of the antenna structure.	GRANTED COND'L	10-5-76
R ec'd	3-23-76			
Filed	5-20-76			
No Fee Required				
Press				
P. N. Rec'd	JUN 11 1976 7-9-76			
AMENDED	4-19-76			
AMENDED	5-20-76			
BMPED-1517	7-18-77	MP(BPED-2227) ext time to 6-5-78	GRANTED TO	9-13-77 4-5-78
R & F	8-18-77	New Station		
PRESS	AUG 29 1977	Atty. David L. Hill		

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W P C DName PARKLAND COLLEGE (COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 505  
Champaign, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-1743 R & F PTA: PRESS:	1-12-78 1-16-78 1-23-78 <b>MAR 3 1978</b>	Lic. (BPED-2227, as mod.) New Station. Trans: Harris FM25H3 Ant: Harris FMC-3A  Atty: David L. Hill (Keller & Heckman)	GRANTED	12-18-78
	5-15-78	Ltr. w/ref. request an ext. limited program. (Ext. of limited PTA will ensure that there will be no interruption in programming over WPCD fac.		
BRED790724UG PRESS	<b>SEP 14 1979</b>	Renewal of License Atty.: David L. Hill	GRANTED	11-30-79

PTA extended 7-14-78

## 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.

