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Form BC 126
June 1954

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL-FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official Number 883

W S M S 9-10-79

Date first licensed ..8-9-76.....

Call letters ~~W.S.M.~~.....

Station location Memphis, Tenn......

MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY (AL 7-13-79
X SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS (APED 2-25-75; EFF: 4-15-75)

Name of licensee X SOUTHWESTERN, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location 2000 North Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee (PED 12-6-74)

Main studio location same as transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPED-1881 HAAT: ---	12-6-74	91.7mhz #219 Class-D (RC)	ERP: --- (RC)	TPO: 10	WATT 12-6-75
Cp for NEW EDUC FM Station					
BPED-1881(L)	2-3-75	CALL LETTERS	ASSIGNED		
EBSA	2-3-75				
BAPED-5	2-25-75	Vol. AL.		EFF:	
BMPED-1239	6-30-75	MP(BPED-1881)	chg antenna	(Long)	
BSCA-1589	7-16-76	SCA 67khz			
BLED-1447(L)	8-9-76	Lic. (BPED-1881,	as mod.)		8-1-79
BLED-1447(L)	8-9-76	Lic. (BPED-1881,	as mod.)		8-1-79
Superseding authorization to correct (delete) obstruction markings.					
BPED-2211 HAAT: 160' {L}	10-5-76	91.7MHz CP chg	ERP: 0.098W TPO, ERP, HAAT	H&V {RC}	& Trans 10-5-77
BLED-1633	5-27-77	Lic. {BPED-2211}	Chgs		8-1-79
BPED-2515 HAAT: 160' (L)	6-28-77	91.7mhz #219 CP chg trans line and ERP	ERP: 0.165kw(h&v) U (RC)		6-28-78
BLED-1715 HAAT: 160' (H&V)	3-27-78	91.7 #219 Lic. (BPED-2215)	ERP: 0.165kW (H&V) (RC)		8-1-79
for changes.					
BPED-2625 HAAT: 185' (L)	5-1-78	91.7mhz. #219 CP install new Trans; chg TPO, ERP & incr. length of transmission line	ERP: 0.25kw(H&V) U (RC)		5-1-79
BPED790517AJ (1)	7/10/79	Construction Permit to replace expired permit (BPED-2625).			1/9/80
BLED790517GP	7-13-79	Vol. AL			
EBSA	9-10-79	chg. call			

BC-126
June 1975

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLED791022AB	2-20-80	91.7 HAAT: 185' (H&V)	ERP: 250 (BPED-2625 as mod)	watts (H&V)	8-1-82
License to cover changes.					
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters NEW-EDUC-FM

SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS

Name Southwestern, Incorporated
Memphis, Tennessee (PO 2000 N. Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee 38112)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,881 REC'd: FILED: NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS: PN REC'd:	8-5-74 8-12-74 8-28-74 SEP 16 1974 10-4-74	CP for New Educ. FM on: 90.3mhz. #212- TPO: 10 Watts Trans: RCA-BTE-10B; Ant: Wilson-FM-3, 3 sections. T-SL & RC: 2000 N. Parkway, Memphis, Tenn. -35°-09'-10" - 89°-59'-33" Atty - George R. Douglas, Jr. Engr-----	GRANTED	12-6-74
AMENDED AMENDED Press AMENDED	8-28-74 11-11-74 DEC 6 - 1974 12-6-74	Chg. frequency to: 91.7mhz. #219 Correct Coordinates: 35° 09' 12" - 89° 59' 31" Section VI.		
----- BAPED-5 R & F (NO FEE REQ.) (Form 316) ALSO SEE WIXX FEB 19 1975	1-27-75 2-4-75 FEB 19 1975	Voluntary assignment of construction permit (BPED-1881) to SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS	GRANTED EFF:	2-25-75 4-15-75

PN mailed: 9-11-74.

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Name Southwestern at Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPED-1239 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS	2-24-75 3-12-75 MAY 10 1975	MP (BPED-1881) to change antenna (PHELPS-DODGE ECFM-4, 4 sections); make changes in antenna system (decr. hght.); CHANGE TO 100' TOWER	GRANTED	6-30-75
BMPED-1,292 R & F No fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd	7-14-75 7-22-75 AUG 8 - 1975 8-28-75	MP (BPED-1,881, as mod.) chg. trans. (Gates BF-250B); chg. TPO; ERP: .098KW(H&V) and HAAT: 160'. Atty: George R. Douglas, Jr.	DISMISSED (Section 1.573 of Comm. Rules)	10-7-75 OCT 21 1975
BLED-1447 R & F PTA PRESS	7-3-75 7-16-75 7-28-75 NOV 10 1975	Lic.(BPED-1881, as mod.)-New Sta. Atty: Mesgades, Douglas & Levy	GRANTED	8-9-76
BSCA-1589 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS	4-8-76 4-20-76 APR 26 1976	Request For Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 khz. Atty: George R. Douglas, Jr. (Mesgades, Douglas, etc.)	GRANTED	7-16-76

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91.7mhz

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Letters W S W MName Southwestern At Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2211 R & F No Fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd	2-13-76 2-17-76 JUN 2 1976 6-28-76	CP to install new trans. (Gates BF-250-B); chg. TPO; ERP: .098KW(H&V) and HAAT: 160' (H&V). (WAIVER OF SECTION 1.573 GRANTED AND APPLICATION ACCEPTED)	GRANTED	10-5-76
BLED-1633 R & F PTA Press	1-3-77 1-7-77 1-18-77 MAR 21 1977	Lic. (BPED-2211) for changes. Trans. Wilkinson FM-60E Atty: George R. Douglass, Jr. (Misegadas et al)	GRANTED	5-27-77
BPED-2515 R & F PRESS	5-16-77 5-24-77 JUN 23 1977	CP chg transmission line and ERP: {.164 kilowatts {H&V} Atty. George R. Douglas, Jr. Engr. G. V. McClintock	GRANTED	6-28-77

RE: AL/GP: assignee is applicant in BPED-2070 - request
for dismissal filed concurrently. ATTY WAS CALLED 5-16-79
will include BPED-2625 & file Form 321 to reinstate
AMENDED 6-21-79 re: cur. bal. sheet and financial state.
from Memphis State Univ.
AMENDED 7-13-79 re: Engineering problems to be corrected

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Memphis, Tennessee

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			Nature	Date
BLED-1715 R & F PTA PRESS	10-1-77 10-19-77 DEC 11-3-77 1977	Lic. (BPED-2215) for changes Transmitter (WILKINSON, FM-60E) Atty--- Engr. George V. McClintock, Jr.	GRANTED	3-27-78
BPED-2625 R & F PRESS:	1-5-78 1-11-78 FEB 1 1978	CP install new Trans (WILKINSON FM 250E); chg TPO; ERP: 0.25kw (H&V); increase length of transmission line. Atty: George R. Douglas	ACCEPTED & GRANTED	5-1-78
BRED 790402 XL PRESS MAY 11 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
BRSCA 790402 XL BALED 790514 GP FORM 314 MAY 22 1979 PRESS: PN FILED		Renewal of SCA Vol AL to MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY (INCLUDE SCA) (SEE OVER) Atty - Larry Perry, Oak Ridge, Tenn	GRANTED EFF	7-13-79 8-9-79

Name: Southwestern at Memphis

Station Location: Memphis, Tennessee

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLED-1715 R&F PTA PRESS:	10-1-77 10-19-77 11-3-77 DEC 9 1977	Lic. (BPED-2215) for changes Transmitter (WILKINSON, FM-60E) Atty: Edgr. George V. McClintock, Jr.	GRANTED 3-27-78
BPED-2625 R & F PRESS:	1-5-78 1-11-78 FEB 1 1978	CP install new Trans (WILKINSON FM 250E); chg TPO; ERP: 0.25kw (H&V); increase length of Transmission line. Atty: George R. Douglas	ACCEPTED & 5-1-78 GRANTED
BRED 790402XL BRSCA 790402XL PRESS:	MAY 11 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	
BALED 790514GP FORM 314 PRESS: PN FILED	MAY 22 1979 6-21-79	Vol AL to MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY (INCLUDE SCA) (SEE OVER) Atty: Larry Perry, Oak Ridge, Tenn.	GRANTED 7-13-79 EFF: 8-9-79

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Letters X W S W MName MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY
SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED790517AJ PRESS (O)	JUL 2 1979	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BPED-2625). Atty. Larry Perry (Oak Ridge, Tennessee)	GRANTED	7/10/79
BLED-791022AB PRESS	JAN 30 1980	License to cover (BPED-2625, as mod.) for changes. Atty: Larry Perry	GRANTED	2/20/80

(20) 10/22/79

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: 91.7Mhz
W S M S

Name: MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Station Location: Memphis, Tennessee

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPED 790517AJ PRESSL (O)		Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BPED-2625) Atty: Larry Perry (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	GRANTED 7-10-79

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 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.

