

WVUA

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

Call Letters WVUA-FM

Station Location Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Name BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Transmitter Location Old Union Bldg: Corner of Univ. Blvd. & Colonial Drive,

Tuscaloosa, Alabama (PED-6-11-80)

Main studio location SAME AS TRANS. SITE

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPED-790522AA HAAT: 140' (H&V)	6-11-80 (L)	90.7mhz ERP: 0.12kw CP FOR NEW FM STATION	(H&V) 6-11-81
BPED-790522AA (1)	10-20-80	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED AND EBSA ISSUED	
BMPED-810521AK (2)	6-18-81	MP (BPED-790522AA) for ext. of time to:	12-4-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **WVUA-FM**
Letters **NEW..EDUC..FM.....**

Name **Board of Trustees The University of Alabama**
Tuscaloosa, Alabama (PO P.O. Box BT, University, Alabama 35485)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED790522AA PRESS:	JUN 5 1979	Construction permit for new Educ FM on: Frequency: 90.7MHz #214 ERP: 118watts HAAT: 142' ant: PHELPS DODGE ECFM-3,3 sections TL&SL: Old Union Bldg., Corner of University Blvd., and Colonial Dr., Tuscaloosa, Al. 31 12 33 87 32 57 33	GRANTED	6-11-80
CUT OFF DATE	AUG 8 1979			
AMENDED	6-5-79	correct N. latitude coordinates		
	12-18-79	FURTHER OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY M. SCOTT JOHNSON ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA (UNIVERSITY)		

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Call Letters: WVUA-FM

Name: BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Station Location: Tuscaloosa, Alabama

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPED-810521AK PRESS:	(0) JUN 9 1981	MP(BPED-790522AA) for extension of time to: 11-1-81. (NEW STATION) Atty - M. Scott Johnson	GRANTED: 6-18-81 TO: 12-4-81

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.

