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STARTED 2-13-70
PTA 6-22--70

NON-COMM. ED. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-6-71 (Off. #202)

Call letters KAMU-TV

Station location COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

Name of licensee TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location Hensel Park, College Station, Tex. (PET 11-28-72)
XBAGLEY HALL, TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

(BLET-329-11-30-78)

Joe Hiram Moore Communications Center, Houston & Russell Streets, College Station,
Texas

Main studio location X BAGLEY HALL, TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-333	8-1-69	CH. 15	V-10.5 kw	U	10-1-69
AH:260' MSL:552'		476-482	A- 1.05 kw		4-1-70
CP for a New Non-Comm. ED.TV B/C Station.					
BPET-333	1-7-70	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED			
WIRE	2-12-70	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. PENDING FILING			
ADD. MEASUREMENTS ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH SEC. 73.687					
(a)(3) RULES FOR LOWER SIDEBAND COLOR SUBCARRIER ATTENUATION					
AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 5-12-70 ACCORD. BPET-333.					
ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.					
Ltr.	2-13-70	RE IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING 8-1-71			
WIRE	3-31-70	PENDING TRANSMITTER REPAIRS AUTH. GR.			
REMAIN SILENT TEMP. PER. END. 4-30-70. ADVISE WHEN NORMAL					
OPERATION RESUMED.					
WIRE	5-1-70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 5-30-70.			
WIRE	6-5-70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 6-5-70			
WIRE	6-22-70	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. ON PTA CP BPET-333.					
BLET-260	10-6-71	Lic. (BPET-333) new station 8-1-74			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPET-449	11-28-72	Ch-15	V-22.9kw	Unl.	1-28-73
AH:390' MSL:690'		476-482	A-2.29kw		5-28-74
CP to chg. ERP, TL, type trans. & HAAT.					
Wire	12-29-72	Pending Filing & Commission Act. on			
lic. appl., auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. end. 1-10-73					
accord, BPET-449.					
Wire	4-9-73	Re tend'd. lic. app., ext'n. auth.			
gtd. oper. temp. per. end. 4-30-73 accord. BPET-449.					
Grt. of PTA accord. Sect. 73.629 is contingent on prior					
filing of WTAW(AM) field intensity measurements specified					
in BPET-449.					
Wire	4-30-73	Above extended to 5-30-73			
Wire	5-4-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. gtd.			
oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & BPET-449.					
BLET-329	6-8-73	CH. 15	V -22.9	Unl.	6-8-73
AHAT:390 MSL: 690		476-482	A -2.69		8-1-74
Lic. to cover CP (BPET-333) 449)					

BC-126 Card # 2
February 1974

NONCOMM TV B/C

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location COLLEGE STATION,
TEXAS

Name of licensee TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location SEE CARD NO. 1

Main studio location SEE CARD NO. 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRET-202	6-26-75	Renewal of license (S)			8-1-77
BRET-202	8-31-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-80
BRET-113 (1)	11-30-78	remote control			
BRET - 8003B1KT	7-18-80	Renewal of license (S)			8-1-83

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON COMM TV

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Letters ~~New~~ - KAMU-TV

Name **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**
c/o MEL CHASTAIN, BTV Program Director, 105 Bagley Hall, College Station, Texas 77843

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET- 333 Recd. RESUBMITTED R & F PRESS PN Recd.	11-14-68	Construction Permit for a New Non-Commercial Educational TV B/C Station: CH.#15, 476-482 mcs. ERP: Visual 10.0 kw; Aural 1.00 kw Unlimited Hours TL: Bagley Hall, College Station, Texas SL: SAME AS ABOVE (GE TT-20-A) AH: 263 feet STATION LOCATION: COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (Bryan Allocation)	(Returned 11-26-68 - improperly filed) -	
	11-21-68		GRANTED	8-1-69
	12-10-68			
	DEC 26 1968			
BLET-260 R & F PRESS:	2-11-70	Lic. to cover (BPET-333) for new station.	GRANTED	10-6-71
	2-12-70 JUN 8 1970			

Mel Chastain, Director
Bagley Hall Rm. 105
Texas A & M University
College Station, Texas

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NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV
APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters KAMU-TV

Name TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
CH-15 COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-449 R & F PRESS:	11-6-72 11-7-72 NOV 17 1972	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 23.2kw, Aur. 2.32kw; TL to Hensel Park, College Station, Tex. (30-37-48 96-20-33); type trans. to RCA TTU-2A; make chgs. in ant. structure; and HAAT 389 ft. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 1.572(a)(1) OF THE RULES. Atty.: Gary Nordheimer Engr.: A. Earl Cullum, Jr. (Dallas) SECTION 1.572 OF THE RULES WAIVED AND APPLI- CATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY COMMISSION ACTION OF 11-15-72.	GRANTED	11-28-72 <i>Lee</i>
BLET-329 Rec. Filed Press:	12-22-72 12-29-72 1-10-73 MAY 31 1973	Lic. to cover (BPET-449) for changes.	GRANTED	6-8-73

BFST-449 - conditions:

Subject to the condition that prior to issuance of program test authority for the construction authorized herein, the permittee shall file with the Commission sufficient field intensity measurements of standard broadcast station WTAW, College Station, Texas, made both before commencement and after completion of the construction of the antenna structure specified herein, to satisfactorily demonstrate that the radiation patterns have or have not changed because of said construction. Minimum required measurements shall include at least ten (10) point locations for each of eight equally spaced radials.

These measurements shall be submitted in tabulated form. Also, measurement data shall be certified by all parties involved before submission to the Commission. The engineer selected by the permittee to make the measurements shall be acceptable to all parties, and the cost of making the measurements, and any corrective measures that may be required to restore the patterns to the conditions prior to this construction shall be borne by the permittee herein. Also, permittee shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of any detuning circuits necessary to restore the radiation patterns of station WTAW, College Station, Texas.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NONCOMMERCIAL TELEVISION

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Letters **KAMU-TV**

Name **TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY**
CH-15 College Station, Texas.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-202 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-2-74 5-6-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Amended 7-17-74 re equal employment.	GRANTED	6-26-75
BRET-202 R&F PN RECD PRESS	MAY 2 1977 3-22-77 3-24-77 3-24-77 APR 15 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE XXX Contours Filed: 4-25-77	GRANTED	8-31-77
BRCETV-113 R&F PRESS	6-30-78 7-6-78 AUG 8 1978	Request auth. to oper. trans. by remote control from Joe Hiram Moore Communications Center, Houston & Russell Streets, College Station, Texas Amended 8-31-78 re engineering	GRANTED	11-30-78

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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.

