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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-30-68 (OFF. NO. 126)

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STATION LOCATION: MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN

Name of licensee CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location 0.4 mile West of Blue Grass Road and old U.S. Route 27, Near Mount Pleasant, Michigan

ANSPACH HALL, CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN (BLET-167 8-30-68)
ANSPACH HALL, SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN (Lt. dated 3-17-67 from atty.)

x University Library Building, Central Michigan University Campus,
Main studio location Mount Pleasant, Michigan

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPET-122	5-7-63	CH.#14	V-14.9 kw	U	7-7-63
AH: 530'	MSL: 1344'	470-476	A- 8.5 kw		1-7-64
Construction Permit for a New Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station.					
MPET-284	1-6-64	same	same	same	7-7-63
Mod. CP (BPET-122) to extend completion date					6-30-64
BSPET-308	6-23-64	same	same	same	7-7-63
Mod. of CP (BPET-122, as mod.) to extend completion date.					
BMPET-383	4-13-66	Ch. 14	V-39.8	U	7-7-63
		470-476	A-7.94		10-13-66
Mod. of CP (BPET-122, as mod.) to increase Vis. Erp, reduce Aur. erp; change type of transmitter and make changes in antenna system.					

WIRE 3-28-67 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. WDMU-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BMPET-383. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTH. REMOTE CONTROL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORD. SEC. 73.636 RULES. BEGAN 3-29-67					
BLET-167	8-30-68	LIC. (BPET-122, as mod)			10-1-70
FRCT-126	9-30-70	same	same	same (S)	10-1-73
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					

EBSA	5-15-72				

BRCKTV	4-17-73	Remote control authority			

BRET-126	9-27-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			10-1-73
					10-1-76

BRET-126	9-15-76	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-79

BPET-570	9-12-77	To chg. ERP and type transmitter 3-12-79			

WIRE	9-13-77	Commission on 9-12-77 grtd. BPET-570 ERP visual 200kw, aural 39.8kw, and chg. type trans., expire 3-12-79.			

BRET-79060KH	9-21-79	Renewal Of License (S)			10-1-82

BRET-790727KI (2)	1-30-80	MP (BPET 570 AS MOD) TO EXTEND COMPLETION DATE TO 7-30-80			

CARD NO. 2

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Station Location MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN

Name CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Transmitter Location SEE CARD NO. 1

Main studio location SEE CARD NO. 1

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BMPET-790727KI (1) COMPLETION DATE TO:	1-30-80	MP(BPET-570) TO EXTEND	7-30-80
BLET-790924KK	2-13-81	CH. ERP AND TRANS- MITTER.	9-13-81

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FORM BC-121

Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

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Letters NEW WCMU-TVName CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
c/o Dr. Charles B. Park, Director, Mount Pleasant, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-122 Recd. & filed	7-23-62	Construction Permit for a New Non-Comm. Educational TV Broadcast Station: Channel #14, 470-476 mcs. ERP: Visual 15.4 kw, Aural 8.81 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited Station Location: MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN S-L: 0.4 mile west of Blue Grass Road and old U.S. Route 27, near Mount Pleasant, Michigan T-L: 0.4 mile West of Blue Grass Road and old U.S. Route 27, near Mount Pleasant, Michigan (General Electric TT-20A) (AH: 526 feet) Alfred C. Gordon, Jr. Atty. (DOW, LOHNES, ALBERTSON) Geo. C. Davis, Consulting Engrs., Amended to change studio location to University Library Building, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan Al Gordon-atty	CHANGED TO BUREAU STAFF ACTION PER NEW DELEGATED AUTHORITY	
	7-30-62		GRANTED	5-7-63
Amended R & F	11-9-62 11-9-62		Condition: That said construction shall not adversely affect the operation of Station as WCMU, that a skeleton proof shall be submitted, consisting of at least 5 field measurements on each radial measured in connection with original proof of performance, to prove that directional pattern has not been changed. Data measured fields at	
shall include a tabulation of all pertinent meter indications and the monitor locati e.				

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FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

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NON COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

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Letters WCNU-TVName CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Mount Pleasant, MichiganCH. 14

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-284 Recd.&Filed	12-10-63 12-16-63	Mod. of CP (BPET-122, which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station), to extend completion date from 1-7-64 to 7-8-64. Alfred C. Cordon, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	1-6-64
BMPET-303 Recd.&Filed	4-6-64 5-8-64	Mod. of CP (BPET-122, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 6-30-64 to 12-31-65 Alfred C. Cordon, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	6-23-64
BMPET-333 Recd.&Filed	11-16-64 11-16-64	Mod. of CP (BPET-122, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 12-23-64 to 6-30-65. Alfred C. Cordon, Jr. Atty.	DISMISSED AS MOOT	MAY 1 1966

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

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Mount Pleasant, Michigan

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-383 R & F	12-10-65	Mod. of CP (BPET-122, as mod., which author- a new Non Comm. Educa. TV station) to change ERP from Vis. 14.8 kw, Aur. 8.5 kw TO Vis. 40.1 kw (Horz), Aur. 8.02kw (Horz); change type transmitters to RCA TTU-2A; type of antenna to RCA TFU-24DL and make changes in antenna system (elec. beam tilt). Dow, Lohnes & Albertson-atty George C. Lewis-engr.	GRANTED	4-13-66
	12-10-65			
BMPET-431 R & F	8-8-66	Mod. of CP (BPET-122, as mod., which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 10-13-66 to 1-1-67. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	DISMISSED AS MOOT	5-24-67
	8-18-66			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-456 R & F	12-8-66 12-21-66	Mod. of CP(BPET-122, as mod., which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 10-13-66 to 4-15-67. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty. (Alfred C. Cordon, Jr.)	DISMISSED	5-24-67 AS MOOT
BIET-167 R & F	3-20-67 3-22-67	License to cover CP(BPET-122, as mod.) which authorized a new station. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty. (Alfred C. Cordon, Jr.)	GRANTED	8-30-68
BRET-126 R & F PRESS P. N recd	6-24-70 6-30-70 JUL 8 1970 6-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Alan C. Campbell, Atty (Dow, Lohnes)	GRANTED	9-30-70
Engr. data filed 6-30-70				

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCE TV-25 R & F PRESS:	4-28-72 5-1-72 MAY 30 1972	Req. auth to oper. trans. by RC from Anspach Hall, Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Amended 3-12-73 re engineering	GRANTED	4-17-73
BRET-126 R&F PN RECD Press: JUL 8 1973	6-25-73 7-2-73 7-2-73 JUL 8 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, A. Campbell, atty. AMENDED 8-9-73 re equal empl.	GRANTED	9-27-73
BRET-126 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-17-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 14 JUL 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Kevin F. Reed (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) NO CONTOURS: Contours filed 9-3-76	GRANTED	9-15-76

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPET-570 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	4-15-77	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 204kW(Max) 200kW(H), Aur. 40kW(H); and chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-10A. Atty.: Alan C. Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engr.: Warren Happel (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.) Amended 7-22-77 re programming	GRANTED	9-12-77
	4-21-77			
	APR 25 1977			
	5-19-77			
BRET 79060KH R & F PN REC'D PRESS	5-17-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ALAN C. CAMPBELL {DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON}	GRANTED	9-21-79
BMPET-790727KI R&F PRESS	7-27-79	MP(BPET-570) to exgend completion date Alan C. Campbell, Atty.	GRANTED	1-30-80

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ch 14 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLET-790924KN R&F	9-24-79	Lic, to cover CP(BPET-570 as mod.) to chg ERP AND TYPE TRANS. Alan C. Campbell, Atty.	granted	2-13-81

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 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.

