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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD Non-Comm. Elec. TV

First Oper. 7-21-55 (Started 8-1-55) NDEA

WILL-TV (Letter 3-25-55)

Date first licensed 9-21-56 (Off.No. 4)

Call letters ~~X WTTU~~
(Station Loc: ~~Champaign, Ill.~~
Urbana, Ill. (3-22-55))

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LET 9-21-56)

Name of licensee ~~X UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES~~

Transmitter location N. W. Corner of Illinois
~~Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First St. at Florida Ave., Champaign,~~

302 NORTH GOODMAN AVENUE, URBANA, ILLINOIS (St. redesignation LETTER 2-14-63)

X 1112-14 W. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois (BMLT-8 11-21-62)

X South Wright St. Urbana, Ill. (BMPST-61 3-22-55)

Main studio location X Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First St. at Florida Ave., Champaign/
Illinois

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-34	11-4-53	Ch. #12 204-210 Mc	V. 10.2 kw A. 9.12 kw	U	1-4-54 7-4-54
C. P. for a new non-commercial educational station.					
BPET-33	6-7-54	Same	Same	Same	1-4-54 1-4-55
Mod. of CP (BPET-34 etc.) for extension of completion date.					
BPET-44	8-24-54	same	Via-55kw Aur-27.5 kw	same	1-4-54 2-24-55
Mod. CP (BPET-34, as mod) to chg. ERP & install new Ant. Sys.					
BPET-61	3-22-55	same	Via-45.7 Aur-22.9	same	1-4-54 9-21-55
AH 160 ft. Mod. CP (BPET-34, as mod) to chg. Station L., SL, ERP, Ant. etc.					
WIRE 7-21-55 STA GRANTED RENEW PROGRAM SERVICE ACCORD. CP (BPET-61) PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION EXPIRES 8-10-55. TO EXTEND THIS AUTHORIZATION NECESSARY SUBMIT VERIFIED REQUEST FROM OFFICER OF PERMITTEE.					
WIRE 8-1-55 EXT. STA RENEW PROGRAM SERVICE ACCORD. CP (BPET-61) PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLI. AUTHORIZATION EXPIRES 9-21-55.					
BLAT-4	9-21-56	CH #12 204-210 Mc	V-45.7 A-22.9 kw	U	9-21-56 12-1-58
AH 160 ft. License to cover CP (BPET-34, as mod).					
BRET-4	11-3-58	CH # 12	V-45.7 kw	U	12-1-58 12-1-61
AH: 160' RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRET-4	11-1-61	same	same	same	12-1-61 12-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BLAT-8	11-21-62	CH #12 204-210 Mc	V-45.7 kw A-22.9 kw	U	11-21-62 12-1-64
AH: 160' Mod. of License to change studio location.					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 12-9-64					
BPET-160	12-9-64	CH. #12 204-210Mc	V-316kw A-167kw	U	2-9-65 8-9-65
AH: 990' MSL: 1737' CP to change ERP; chg trans. location; chg type of trans.; chg. type of ant.; make chgs in ant system; chg ant. height					
BPET-361	3-3-65	same	same	same	3-3-65
Mod. of CP (BPET-160) to extend completion date					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BMPET-393	3-23-66	same	same	same	2-9-65 9-23-66
Mod. of CP to extend completion date					
BMPET-394	3-23-66	same	same A. 63.1	same	2-9-65 9-23-66
Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP					
BMPET-434	10-26-66	same	same	same	2-9-65 12-15-66
Mod. of CP to extend completion date					
WIRE	10-25-66	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPER.			
WILL-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC 73.629 RULES AND					
CP BMPET-394					
BLET-57	2-28-66	Authorization not issued see BLET-155			
Mod. of Lic. to reduce aural ERP					
BLET-155	11-10-66	CH. 12	V-316 kw	U	11-10-66
All: 990' MSL	1737	204-210 mcs	A-63.1 kw		12-1-67
License to cover CP (BLET-160, as mod.)					
BRET-4	11-9-66	same	same	same	11-9-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRET-4	11-24-67	same	same	same	12-1-67 12-1-67
RENEWAL OF NDEA					
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRET-4	11-25-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA (S)			
12-1-73					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRET-4	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			12-1-76
BKCTV-74	6-18-75	Remote control authority			
(S)					
BRET-4	11-23-76	Ch. 12	V. 316 kw	U	12-1-76
All: 990' MSL:	1737'	204-210	A. 63.1 kw		12-1-79
Renewal of license					
BRET-790726KE	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			12-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-commercial Educational

TV B/C

Call

Letters ~~with~~ T L C

Name

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(c) Frank E. Schooley, 228 Gregory Hall, Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EPET-34 Recd Filed	5-21-53 5-28-53 6-28-53	CP for a new Non-commercial TV B/C station Freq: Ch 9 12, 304-310 Mc. ERP: Vis. 10.6 kw Aud. 10 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited T-L: University of Illinois Campus, Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First Street Champaign, Illinois S-L: University of Illinois Campus, Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First Street Champaign, Illinois (Vis & Aud. 35-37-6D) (161') Filed direct	GRANTED	11-4-53
EPET-33 Recd. & Filed	4-14-54 4-16-54	Mod. of Cp (EPET-34, which authorized a new Non-Comm. Ed. TV B/C Sta.) to extend com- pletion date from 7-4-54 to 10-15-54. Filed direct.	GRANTED	6-7-54

Oscar W. J. Reed, Jr. Esq.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Commercial Educational TV b/c

Station

Call

WILL-TV (3-25-55)

Letters

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-44 Recd & filed	7-21-54 8-2-54	Mod. of CP (BPET-34 as mod. which auth a new non-comm. TV b/c sta.) to change ERP from Vis. 18.2 kw, Aur. 9.12 kw to Vis. 54.87 kw, Aur. 29.57 kw and install new antenna system Filed direct (179,65)	GRANTED	8-24-54
BMPET-61 Recd & filed	1-3-55 1-17-55	Mod. of CP (BPET-34 as mod. which auth. a new Non-Comm. TV b/c station) to change station location from Champaign, Illinois to Urbana, Illinois, transmitter and studio location from Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First Street at Florida Avenue, Champaign, Ill. to T-L; NW Corner of University of Illinois Stadium, South First Street at Florida Avenue, Champaign, Ill., and S-L; to South Wright, Urbana, Ill., respectively, change ERP from Vis. 55 kw, Aur. 27.5 kw to Vis. 52.24 kw, Aur. 28.18 kw, make antenna and other equipment changes. (158,51) (Filed direct by New York Atty. Telford Taylor)	GRANTED	3-22-55

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	ACTION															
			Nature	Date														
BLBT-4 Recd. & Filed	8-19-55	License to cover CP (BPET-34, as mod.) which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV 3/C Station and to add Board of Trustees to applicant name. <u>Filed by Telford Taylor, Atty. (New York)</u>	GRANTED	9-21-56														
	9-2-55				BRST-4 Recd & Filed	8-27-58	Renewal of License. <u>Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Attorney</u>	GRANTED	11-5-58	9-5-58	BRET-4 Recd. & Filed	7-17-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE <u>Keith S. Putbrese, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	11-1-61	8-30-61	BNLET-8 Recd. & Filed	10-29-62
BRST-4 Recd & Filed	8-27-58	Renewal of License. <u>Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Attorney</u>	GRANTED	11-5-58														
	9-5-58				BRET-4 Recd. & Filed	7-17-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE <u>Keith S. Putbrese, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	11-1-61	8-30-61	BNLET-8 Recd. & Filed	10-29-62	Modification of License to change Studio Location from South Wright St., Urbana, Illinois TO 1112-14 W. Main St., Urbana, Illinois. <u>Carl R. Stanley, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	11-21-62	11-2-62		
BRET-4 Recd. & Filed	7-17-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE <u>Keith S. Putbrese, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	11-1-61														
	8-30-61				BNLET-8 Recd. & Filed	10-29-62	Modification of License to change Studio Location from South Wright St., Urbana, Illinois TO 1112-14 W. Main St., Urbana, Illinois. <u>Carl R. Stanley, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	11-21-62	11-2-62								
BNLET-8 Recd. & Filed	10-29-62	Modification of License to change Studio Location from South Wright St., Urbana, Illinois TO 1112-14 W. Main St., Urbana, Illinois. <u>Carl R. Stanley, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	11-21-62														
	11-2-62																	

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NON-COMM ED TV B/C

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Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-150 Rec.&Filed	8-23-63 9-10-63	CP to change ERP from Vis. 45.7 Kw, Aur. 22.9 kw TO Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 167 kw; change transmitter location from NW Corner of Illinois Memorial Stadium, So. First St., at Florida Ave., Champaign, Ill. TO RR #2, Monticello, Willow Branch Twp., Ill.; type of transmitter to RCA TT-25DH; type of antenna to RCA TW-18A12-P; make changes in the antenna system; and antenna height above average terrain to 987 feet. (Earl R. Stanley, atty.) (Jansky & Bailey, engr's.)	GRANTED	12-9-64
BRET-4 Recd.&Filed	8-18-64 8-27-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Charles J. McKerns, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	11-9-66

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NON-COMM. BD. TV

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 CH-12 URBANA, ILLINOIS

ZIP 61801

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-381 R & F	6-30-65 7-6-65	Mod. of CP (BPET-160, which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 8-9-65 to 2-9-66. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	8-3-65
BMPET-393 R & F	12-30-65 1-4-66	Mod. of CP (BPET-160, as mod., which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 2-3-66 to 7-1-66. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	3-23-66
BMPET-394 R & F.	12-30-65 1-6-66	Modification of CP (BPET-160, as mod., which auth. changes in existing station) to reduce Aural ERP from 167 kw to 63.2 kw Dow, Lohnes & Albertson-atty	GRANTED	3-23-66
BMPET- 37 R & F	1-25-66 2-1-66	Modification of license to reduce Aural ERP from 22.9 kw to 9.14 kw	GRANTED	2-25-66

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CH-12 Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-134 R & F	9-13-66 9-19-66	Mod. of CP(BPET-160, as mod., which auth. changes in existing station) to extend compl. date from 9-23-66 to 12-15-66. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-26-66
HLET-155 R & F	10-18-66 10-19-66	License to cover CP(BPET-160, as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty. (Daniel W. Toohy) Jansky & Bailey (Rob R. Beldon) Engr.	GRANTED	11-10-66
BRET-4 R & F	8-14-67 8-22-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel W. Toohy, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)	GRANTED	11-24-67
		RENEWAL OF NDEA		

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Ch. 12, Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-4 Rec. & filed PN RECD PRESS	8-20-70 8-26-70 8-26-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel Toohy, (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	11-25-70
BRET-4 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	8-27-73 9-4-73 9-4-73 SEP 11 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: Daniel W. Toohy (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	11 28 73
BRCETV-74 R & F no fee required PRESS:	1-31-75 2-10-75 APR 1 1975	Request to operate transmitter by remote control from 302 North Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, Illinois. Atty: Daniel W. Toohy (Dow, Lohnes) AMENDED 5-7-75 re engineering	GRANTED	5-6-18-75

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Ch-12UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
"URBANA, ILLINOIS"

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-4 R&F PN RECD PRESS	7-28-76 8-2-76 8-2-76 8 SEP 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAX CONTOURS: 9-30-76 323 filed with WILL (AM)	GRANTED	11-23-76
BRET- 790726KE R & F PN REC'D PRESS	7-20-79 7-26-74 79 0904	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: FREDERICK D. COOKE, JR. {DOM, LOHNS & ALBERTSON}	g	11-30-79

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 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.

