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Form BC 126
June 1954

PTA 3-14-75

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CH 26

Date first licensed 8-12-75
(#247)

Call letters WMED-TV

Station location BIDDEFORD, MAINE

Name of licensee University of Maine

Transmitter location Mt. Hope, approx. 1.6 mi. SW of Sanford, Maine

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPBT-423	4-19-73	Ch-26	V-589kW	Unl.	6-19-73
AH:800' MSL:1208'		542-548	A-117kW		10-19-74
CP for new noncommercial educational TV station.					
BPET-423	11-5-73	Call Letters assigned.			
EBSA	11-5-73				

WIRE	3-14-75	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd.			
oper WMEG-TV on program test accord. Sect. 73.629 rules					
and CP BPET-423.					

BLET-379	8-12-75	Ch.26	V. 575 kW	U	4-1-78
AH: 800' MSL: 1208'		542-548	A. 115 kW		
Lic. (BPET-423) for a new station.					
BRCETV-83	9-24-75	Remote control authority			
(1)					

BRET-247	7-7-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-81

Form BC-121
September 1969

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE**
CH-26 (PO c/o Edward E. Winchester, Alumni Hall, Orono, Maine 04473)

File No.	Dated	Application for	ACTION	
			Nature	Date
BPET-423 R & F PRESS PN REC'D	12-1-71 12-3-71 DEC 16 1971 1-7-72	CP for new Educ. TV on: Freq.: Ch-26, 542-548mc ERP: Vis. 699kw, Aur. 139.8kw HAAT: 795.5 ft. TL: Mt. Hope, near Sanford, Maine (43-25-00 70-48-09) SL: Biddeford, Maine Trans.: RCA TTU-30B Ant.: RCA TPU-30J STATION LOCATION: BIDDEFORD, MAINE (Portland, Maine allocation) REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.685 OF THE RULES. Atty.: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engr.: Silliman, Moffet & Kowalski	GRANTED	4-19-73
HEW application to Roy Stewart 12-15-71				
Amended 12-29-71 re Sec. VI.				
AMENDED 12-8-72 re financial & programming				
HEW appl. filed 9-21-72 - to Roy Stewart 9-22-72				

John Morison

Alumni Hall - University of Maine

Orono, Maine 04473

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NON-COMMERCIAL ED. TV.

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Name **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE**
CH-26 Biddeford, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNPET-832 R & F no fee required PRESS:	9-5-74 9-9-74 SEP 30 1974	MP (BPET-423) to extend completion date to January 1, 1975. Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	DISMISSED AS NOT	7-30-75
BLET-379 R & F no fee required PRESS:	2-28-75 3-4-75 31 JUL 1975	License to cover (BPET- 423, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	8-12-75

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CH-26 Biddeford, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCETV-83 R & F No fee required PRESS:	7-16-75 7-22-75 AUG 1975	Request authority to operate transmitter by remote control from 15 Exeter Street, Portland, Maine.	GRANTED	7-24-75
BRET-247 R&F PN RECD PRESS PN RECD	11-15-77 11-30-77 DEC 5 1977 4-17-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Amended 2-28-78 re problems & Needs	GRANTED	7-7-78
BRET- 801201KX R & F PN REC'D	11-17-80 12-1-80 12-1-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: FREDERICK D. COOKE, JR. (DOW, LOWNES AND ALBERTSON)	GRANTED	5-19-82

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.

