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Form BC 126
June 1954

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CH 32

Date first licensed

Call letters WHMM

Station location WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name of licensee HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location 5202 River Rd., Bethesda, Md.

Main studio location 2600-4th St., NW, Washington, DC

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-488 AH:770' MSL:1049' CP for new educational TV station.	5-25-74	Ch-32	V-776kW A-155kW	Unl.	8-25-74 12-25-75
BPET-488 (1)	8-28-74	Call letters assigned			
EBSA	8-28-74				
BMPET-859 (2)	1-30-76	Extend completion date MP(BPET-488)			7-30-76
BMPET-855 (3)	7-26-76	Extend completion date MP(BPET-488 as mod)			1-26-77
BMPET-872 AH: 700' MSL: 1049' MP(BPET-488 as mod)	12-20-76	Ch. 32	V. 1580 kW DA U A. 158.0 kW DA		8-25-74 6-20-77
		to chg ERP, tl (same site desc). trans. ant and HAAT.			
BMPET-892 (1)	6-17-77	extend completion date MP(BPET-488 as mod)			12-17-77
BMPET-901 (2)	5-10-78	extend completion date MP(BPET-488 as mod)			11-10-78
BMPET- 781010KI (3)	4-21-79	extend completion date MP(BPET-872 as mod.)			10-21-79
BMPET- 790131LC (4)	5-1-79	MP(BPET-488 as mod.) (to change ERP)			
BMPET-790921KG (5)	11-30-79	MP(BPET-488 AS MOD.)			TO EXTEND COMPLETION DATE TO: MAY 30, 1980.
BMPET-800429KE	7-22-80	MP(BPET-488) to extend completion date to:			1-22-81

Form BC-121
September 1969

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV
APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters ~~(NEW)~~ W H M M

Name **HOWARD UNIVERSITY**
CH-32 (PO c/o Dr. James E. Cheek, 2600-4th St., NW, Washington, DC 20001)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-488 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	1-15-74 1-23-74 3-1-74	CP for new Educ. TV on: Freq.: Ch-32, 578-584MHz ERP: Vis. 784kW(H), Aur. 155.2kW(H) HAAT: 771 ft. TL: 5202 River Rd., Bethesda, Md. (38-57-49 77-06-18) SL: 2600-4th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Trans.: RCA TTU-60C Ant.: RCA TFU-30J STATION LOCATION: WASHINGTON, D. C. Atty.: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter) Engr.: Walter L. Davis (Cohen and Dippell)	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION Conditional (over)	6-25-74

BPET-488 - condition:

The permittee shall not install its antenna on the tower until structural changes have been made in the tower and the permittee has furnished the Commission with an engineering report by a qualified technical expert which verifies that the modified tower will have the structural capability to support the channel #32 antenna.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call
Letters

W H M M

Name **HOWARD UNIVERSITY**
CH-32 Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET- 859 R & F #501410\$100 AC: 001 Refunded Unnecessary	11-21-75 11-21-75 11-21-75 11-28-75	MP (BPET-488) to extend completion date. Atty: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	1-30-76
BMPET-865 R&F #578840\$100 AG-001 PRESS \$100 refunded (Unnecessary)	6-8-76 6-9-76 6-9-76 21 JUL 1976 7-20-76	MP (BPET-488 as mod.) to extend completion date to _____ Atty.: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	7-26-76

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

Call
Letters W H M MName HOWARD UNIVERSITY
OH-32 WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-872 R & F PRESS:	8-23-76 8-23-76 8 SEP 1976	MP(BPET-488 as mod.) to chg. ERP to Vis. 3020kW(Max) 1592kW(H)RMS, Aur. 159kW(H)RMS; chg. TL (same site desc.)(38-57-49 77-06-18); chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-110B; type ant. to RCA TFU-28DAS (BT); and HAAT 700 ft. Atty.: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	12-20-76
BMPET-892 R. & F Press:	5-19-77 5-20-77 JUN 6 1977	MP(BPET-488 as mod) to extend completion date to October 1, 1977 Reed Miller, Atty. (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	6-17-77
BMPET-901 R&F PRESS	11-15-77 11-16-77 DEC 2 1977	MP (BPET-488 as mod.) to extend completion date to June 30, 1977. Reed Miller, Atty. (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	5-10-78
BMPET-781010KI PRESS	OCT 31 1978	MP(BPET-488, as mod.) to extend completion date.	GRANTED	APRIL 21, 79

CARD #4

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

Call
Letters W H M M

Name **HOWARD UNIVERSITY**
CH-32 **WASHINGTON, DC**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-790131 R & F PRESS:	LC 1-24-79 79 02 26	MP(BPET-488 as mod.) to chg. ERP to Vis. 4989kW(M) 2679kW(H) RMS - Aug - 268kW(H) RMS, and chg. type ant. to Andrew 63536 (BT) Atty.: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	5-1-79
BMPET-790921 R&F PRESS	KG 9-21-79 79 11 14	MP(BPET-488 as mod.) to extend completion date. David H. Lloyd, Atty.	GRANTED	11-30-79
BMPET-800429 R&F	KE 4-29-80 4-29-80	MP(BPET-488, as mod.) to extend completion date.	GRANTED	7-22-80

BMFET-790131LC

AMENDED 11-19-80 re legal, financial, programming & engineering to chg.
ERP. to Vis. 4989kW(M), Aur. 499kW(M) and chg. type trans. to Harris
BT110U1.

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV
APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W H M M

Name: HOWARD UNIVERSITY
CH-32

Station Location: WASHINGTON, DC

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLET-801107KE R & F	11-6-80	Lic. to cover (BPET-488, as mod.) for New Station.	1-8-81 W.H.M.M. CH-32
	11-7-80		
	11-19-80	Atty.: David H. Lloyd (Arnold & Porter) AMENDED TO CHG. THE FORM TO A 341	

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.

