

W S R N-FM

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#595

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed January 22, 1973

Call letters W S R N-FM

Station location Swarthmore, Penn

Name of licensee Swarthmore College

Transmitter location Parrish Hall, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
(PED 5 2-72)

Main studio location Same as transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPED-1324 HAAT: - - Cond'1	5-2-72	91.5mc #218	ERP: - - CP for new FM ED Station,	Unl.	5-2-73
BPED-1324(1)	8-21-72	Call letters assigned.			
BRCD-115(2)	11-8-72	MP (BPED-1,324) to operate trans. by remote control.			
EBSA	2-5-73				
BLED-1042(L)	1-22-73	Lic(BPED-1324) for new station			
BRED-595(S)	7-23-75	Renewal of License			8-1-78
BRED-595(L)	8-31-78	Renewal of License			8-1-81
BPED-79072AD HAAT: 140' (L)	7-21-80	91.5mhz.	ERP: 11kW (h&v) CP to incre. ERP; HAAT: Install new antenna; mke chgs in antenna sys.		7-21-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W S R N-FM
Letters X NEW-EDUC-FM

Name Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania (PO Parrish Hall, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19081)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,324 Rec'd: Filed: NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: 18 NOV 1971 PN REC'd:	12-17-70 10-6-71 11-11-71 12-8-71 2-28-72 3-20-72 3-29-72	CP for New Educ. FM on: 91.5mc. #218 TPO: 10 Watts. Trans: American Electronics Lab. 2202-A; ANTENNA: CCA-Electronic-6601, 1sect. TL: Parrish Hall, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. SL: Parrish Hall, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. 39° 54' 18" - 75° 21' 16" Atty----- Engr- Richard Ocko (Bryn Mawr, Penna.) File Section I as of Current Date.	GRANTED Cond'l gr. without prejudice.	5-2-72
AMENDED	11-11-71			
BRCD-115 R & F No Fee Required Press NOV 7 1972	10-24-72 10-27-72	MP (BPED-1,324) to operate transmitter by remote control from studio site: Parrish Hall, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.	GRANTED	11-8-72

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Swartmore, Pennsylvania 19081
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

91.5mc.

Call
Letters WSRN-FM

Name SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-1042 R & F PTA Amended PRESS	11-9-72 11-16-72 11-24-72 12-6-72 JAN 9 1973	Lic.(BPED-1324, as mod.) for New FM Educ. Broadcast Station. Antenna: CCA, FMH-E-1, 1-section. Section VI	GRANTED	1-22-73
BRED-595 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	4-1-75 4-3-75 " 2 APR 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-75
BRED-595 R & F PRESS	3-29-78 3-31-78 APR 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	8-31-78

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING 91.5MHz

Call Letters:

WSRN-FM

Name: SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Station Location: Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPED- 790727AD PN RECD. ACCEPTED MAR 20 '80	3-9- 11-9-79 CUT OFF MAY 19 '80	Construction permit to incr ERP:110watts;HAAT: 142'; install new ant COMMUNICATION PRODUCTS EHFM-2,2 sections; make chgs in ant sys(incr hght)	GRANTED 7-21-80 COND'L
BLED-810420AI PTA PRESS	APR 29 1981	License to cover (BPED-790727AD) for changes. Atty: ---	

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WSRN-FM

Name: SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Station Location: SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRED810401YD PRESS	MAY 8 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	grd. 7-7-81 GRANTED 7-7-81

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 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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 radio station history.

