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BC-126
June 1975

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed December 18, 1978

Call letters WPCD

Station location Champaign, Ill

Name of licensee Parkland College (Community College District No. 505)

Transmitter location 2410 Skyline Dr., (W. Bradley Ave) Champaign, Ill (PED 10-5-76)

Main studio location 2400 West Bradley Ave., Champaign, Ill (PED 10-5-76)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To
BPED-2227 HAAT: 290' (L)	10-5-76 H&V	88.7MHz ERP: ch. 204 Class-B CP for NEW EDUC FM Station		3.3kw H&V U (RC)	10-5-77
BPED-2227(1) EBSA	12-20-76	Call letters assigned			
BMPED-1517(2)	9-13-77	MP(BPED-2227) ext time to			4-5-78
LTR.	2-23-78	TRANS:	HARRIS FM-2.5H3 now installed		
BLED-1743 Lic. (BPED-2227, as	12-18-78	88.7Mhz, ERP: 3.3kW(H&V) TPO: 2.5kW HAAT: 290'(H&V) mod.)for a new station.			12-1-79
BRED790724UG (S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82

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Call Letters WPCD
XNEW-EDUC-FM

Name Parkland College (Community College District #505)
Champaign, Illinois (PO %Ed Kelly, Faculty Adviser, 2400 W. Bradley Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61820)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-2227	3-12-76	CP for New Educ. FM on: 88.7mhz #204	GRANTED COND'L	10-5-76
Rec'd	3-23-76	ERP: 3.290KW HAAT: 291'		
Filed	5-20-76	Trans: Gates FM-2.5H3; Ant: Gates FMC-3A, 3 sects.		
No Fee Required				
Press	JUN 11 1976	TL: 2410 Skyline Dr., (W. Bradley Ave.), Champaign, Illinois		
P. N. Rec'd	7-9-76	SL-RC: 2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign,		
		40° 07' 32" - 88° 17' 29"		
		Atty: David L. Hill (Keller and Heckman)		
		Engr:-----		
AMENDED	4-19-76	Terrain profiles and topographic maps.		
AMENDED	5-20-76	Section V-G and correct the height of the antenna structure.		
BMPED-1517	7-18-77	MP(BPED-2227) ext time to 6-5-78	GRANTED TO	9-13-77 4-5-78
R & F	8-18-77	New Station		
PRESS	AUG 29 1977	Atty. David L. Hill		

#2 88.7MHz

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Name PARKLAND COLLEGE (COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 505
Champaign, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLED-1743 R & F PTA: PRESS: MAR 3 1978	1-12-78 1-16-78 1-23-78 5-15-78	Lic. (BPED-2227, as mod.) New Station. Trans: Harris FM25H3 Ant: Harris FMC-3A Atty: David L. Hill (Keller & Heckman) Ltr. w/ref. request an ext. timited program . (Ext. of limited PTA will ensure that there will be no interruption in programming over WPCD fac.	GRANTED	12-18-78
BRED790724UG PRESS SEP 14 1979		Renewal of License Atty.: David L. Hill	GRANTED	11-30-79

PTA 7-14-78

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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.