

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS RELATED TO
EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION IN FLORIDA

- April 14, 1952 The Federal Communications Commission released its Sixth Report and Order in which the allocation of television channels throughout the country was announced. The order included 9 channels reserved for non-commercial, educational use in Florida.
- July 1, 1952 Lindsay Hopkins Vocational School (under the Dade County Board of Public Instruction) filed with the Federal Communications Commission for a construction permit for an educational television station in Miami.
- October 1, 1952 Steering Committee of the Southern Regional Project on Educational T.V. met in Atlanta. Florida was represented.
- October 22, 1952 The budgets for the Florida University System were presented to the Finance Committee of the Board of Control at a meeting in Jacksonville. Members of the Education Committee of the Legislative Council attended the meetings.
- December 11-13, 1952 The Southern Regional Conference on Educational Television was held in Atlanta. The conference was the culmination of the Southern Regional Education Board's T.V. Project. Conference was attended by sixteen Florida representatives of educational interests.
- January 29, 1953 The Board of Control was asked by the University of Florida to approve a resolution encouraging the University to apply for a permit to construct and operate an educational television station in Gainesville. The resolution was adopted.
- January, 1953 The University budgets were presented at a joint meeting of the Budget Commission and the appropriation committees of the 1953 Session.

- February 13-14, 1953 The Florida Governor's Conference on Educational Television was held at Gainesville under the leadership of the University of Florida and the Florida Extension Division.
- February 27, 1953 The Board of Control was asked by the University of Florida to approve the creation of a school of communications at the University. The purposes of the school were listed as (1) the training of students for first level positions in journalism, radio, and television, (2) the operation of laboratories in these fields, and (3) the operation of a radio and television program production center to serve the entire State. The Board approved.
- March 19, 1953 The Board of Control passed a resolution encouraging Florida State University to apply for a channel for educational television in Tallahassee.
- April 7, 1953 The 1953 Session of the Legislature convened.
- May 21, 1953 The University of Florida filed its application for a permit to construct a station for non-commercial educational television at Gainesville. The application to the F.C.C. contained the explanation that the project would utilize a part of the facilities being provided in part by salary savings by remodeling the Florida Stadium, and that the 1953-54 operating budget would probably contain provision for construction and operation of the project, or "as a last resort", it was explained, salary savings from the \$15,000,000 annual budget would permit a start on educational tv.
- May 25, 1953 A bill calling for a survey of educational television by the Florida Legislative Council was introduced in the House.
- May 27, 1953 Same was introduced in the Senate.
- June 2, 1953 The period during which the Federal Communications Commission refused to consider applications to terminate reservation of channels for educational use expired.

- June 5, 1953 The 1953 Session of the Legislature adjourned, having enacted into law the bill calling for a television survey.
- August 7, 1953 The Legislative Council met in Tallahassee, and a committee to consider educational television in Florida was appointed.
- Summer, 1953 The second Southern Regional Project in Television was organized with a director appointed to the staff of the Southern Regional Education Board. Governor McCarty appointed the vice-president of the University of Florida to a committee in charge of the project.
- September 1, 1953 The Educational Television Committee of the Legislative Council met for organization purposes and to outline the educational tv. study.
- November 3, 1953 The freeholders in Dade County failed to approve the operation of an educational television station solely by the Board of Public Instruction.
- November 6, 1953 The Educational Television Committee of the Legislative Council met in Jacksonville. The chairman issued a policy statement.
- November 12, 1953 The Federal Communications Commission granted a construction permit for an educational television station in Miami to the Lindsay Hopkins Vocational School.
- November 18, 1953 Educational TV, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, filed an application with the F.C.C. for a construction permit for an educational television station in Jacksonville.
- Mid December, 1953 The University of Florida held a conference attended by representatives from Tampa, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville, and Gainesville. A committee was appointed to produce a film on Florida and educational television as well as to work toward statewide coordination of educational television programming resources.

December 18, 1953

The Board of Control considered the matters of educational television at the University of Florida.

December 18, 1953

The Board of Control appointed a committee to advise the University of Florida on the matter of educational television.

January, 1954

The Joint Committee for Educational Television reports that the University of Florida has withdrawn the Gainesville application, hoping to re-submit it when financial plans are more complete.