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Greetings from The First State!

Let this verification letter, and the enclosed Q.S.L. card, confirm your reception of 1450 WILM NEWSRADIO -- Delaware Broadcasting Company -- from Wilmington, Delaware, during our annual DX test.

You heard portions of our broadcast between 1:05:30 to 2:11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on our assigned frequency of 1450 kiloHertz in the A.M. Standard Broadcast band.

As you know being the veteran DX'er that you are, we are 1,000 watts day and night, like all the other U.S. stations on this "graveyard" channel. Our studios are in downtown Wilmington and our transmitting site is along the south Wilmington city limits.

The second oldest radio station in Delaware, this station signed on-the-air (under different call letters) in 1923. The Hawkins family (Delaware Broadcasting Company) acquired the station in 1949. The station converted to a mainly LOCALLY originated, all-news format in 1976, with the old NBC News and Information Service. When NIS folded, we picked-up a CBS affiliation. Unlike most other stations at the time, we chose to remain mostly all-news rather than revert to all-talk or music.

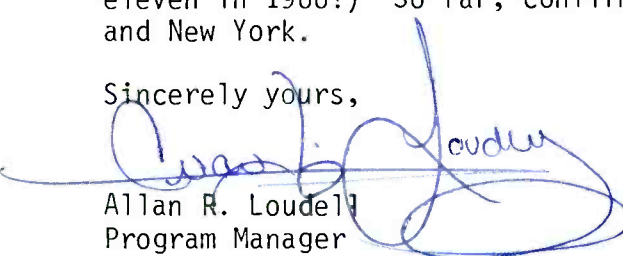
Today we pride ourselves as the ONLY primarily LOCALLY originated all-news station (with a little bit of talk) in the U.S. or Canada outside a Top 20 market. Winner of nine Marconi nominations in the 1990's, we have resisted the trend to mostly national syndication or national ownership (duopoly).

With up to twenty newspeople, we are surely a unique, 1,000-watt, A.M. "stand-alone" (no sister station) in North America.

The majority of your program details correlated with our log. However, we did not play the song you described at 1:09--1:12 a.m. (Of course, it is understandable you confused our signal with one of the others on the congested 1450 channel!). At 1:10:20, actually, we played "School's Out" by Alice Cooper. If you have a tape, you may want to review it, to see if you hear, in particular, the unusual end to this song at about 1:13:30, with school bells and the sounds of a record grinding to a halt!

Many thanks for your continued interest. I'm sure your Q.S.L. collection eclipses mine, but I believe you've been doing it longer (I started DX'ing at the age of eleven in 1966!) So far, confirmable reports have come in from Michigan, Ontario, and New York.

Sincerely yours,

  
Allan R. Loudell  
Program Manager

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