

Actual Bowl Game Names

Not since "The Name Game" song have there been sillier uses of words.

Remember, Shirley Ellis singing her hit song?

Shirley!

Shirley, Shirley bo Birley Bonana fanna fo Firley

Fee fy mo Mirley, Shirley!

Arnold!

Arnold, Arnold bo Barnold. Bonna fanna fo Farnold

Fee fy mo Marnold, Arnold!

Aaaaarrrrrggggghhhh! Some of this year's Bowl Game Names ...

- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl;
- R & L Carriers New Orleans Bowl;
- Beef `O` Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl;
- AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl;
- Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl;
- Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl;
- New Era Pinstripe Bowl;
- Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl;
- Taxslayer.com Gator Bowl;
- BBVA Compass Bowl; and
- GoDaddy.com Bowl;

and my particular favorite --

Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl

It seems to me that the money used to sponsor this Bowl game could have been better used to actually, say ... FIGHT HUNGER! Of course, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

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Alabama woman goes after local college officials who have used degrees from unaccredited "institutions" to be paid more money

Lacrosse University of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, has raised its ugly head yet again. Even after being driven out of Mississippi a few years ago, damage caused by their sale of phony "degrees" will linger on for years. The smell just won't go away.

And recipients of those purchased degrees may not feel the repercussions for a decade or longer. Not until they seek a promotion or a different job will it come to light that the "degree" they claim to hold, and believe they earned, is worthless.

Lacrosse University is well-known to Cheyenne Herald readers because it is the business that sold a "master's degree" to former Cheyenne police chief (also former Wyoming State Senator) Bob Fecht, such "degree" being paid for by residents of the City. When Fecht and former mayor Jack Spiker became aware of just how worthless and illegitimate the piece of paper was, Fecht would not reimburse the residents and Spiker would not require him to do so.

Eventually, it was learned that the so-called "degree" issued by Lacrosse University had the least value of all such degrees sold by unaccredited diploma mills/degree sellers. For, Lacrosse had never been authorized to grant degrees. Of any sort. At any level. To any state's residents, including those of Mississippi from where they operated.

Unfortunately, while the scoundrels were driven from Wyoming by the disclosures of the Cheyenne Herald, not all have ceased to operate - some still ply their nefarious trade.

States, including Wyoming, did nothing to protect innocent "students" who trusted the State to provide at least a modicum of protection by not allowing rascals like Lacrosse to sell degrees. Instead, Wyoming not only allowed the business to flourish but became home base to many. And loved them. Those based here had to provide a "bond" - a bond that would not cover a fraction of the damage caused. Lacrosse did not have to do that - they sold degrees to those like Fecht with impunity.

Now, an Alabama private citizen has pressed for, and gotten, an investigation into two who hold "doctorate" degrees from unaccredited "schools." As a result of those fraudulent degrees, both are paid more money for their work. At this woman's insistence, the State of Alabama Ethics Commission has undertaken an investigation into Bishop State Community College's president and an Assistant Dean of Instructional Services, who each get \$2,000 annual bonuses because of doctorates they claim - one from Lacrosse. The policy is clear. To earn the bonus, the doctorate must come from an "accredited" institution. The State has dissembled but truth will out. In time.