

## SOUVENIR T-SHIRT ... ONLY \$19<sup>95</sup> COMMEMORATE POLICE CHIEF BOB FECHT'S ELECTION TO THE STATE SENATE

In April of last year, **THE HERALD** revealed that Cheyenne Police Chief Bob Fecht had purchased a "Master's Degree in Criminal Justice" from an unaccredited mail-order diploma mill located in Mississippi.

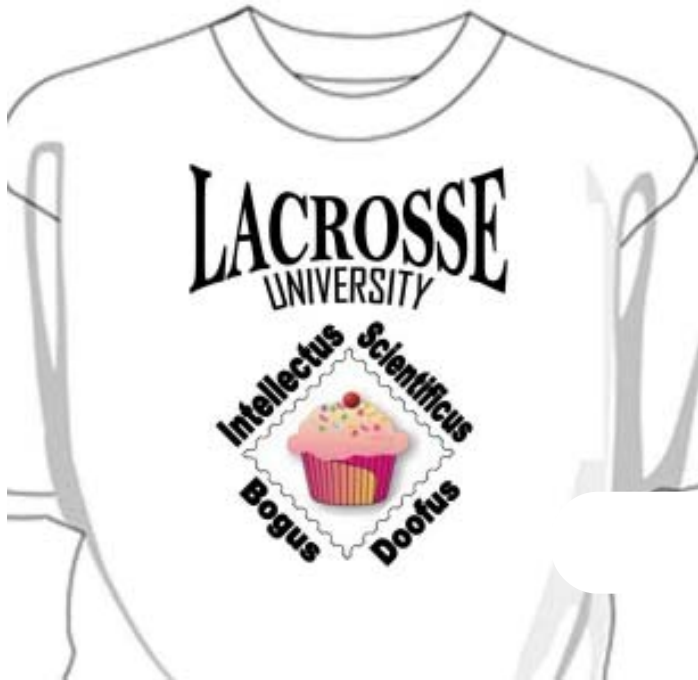
The story also documented the fact that the Chief had submitted a series of sworn vouchers to the City in order to recoup some of his investment in his phony "graduate degree". In order to receive the \$2504 from the City, Chief Fecht had specified under penalty of perjury that the payments to him from the City were for "tuition reimbursement".

After **THE HERALD's** story about his Master's Degree hit the street, Chief Fecht, together with Mayor Jack Spiker and Tribune-Eagle Managing Editor Reed Eckhardt, concocted a story that was as bogus as the diploma Fecht had received from Lacrosse University.

Because the City's own tuition reimbursement policy applies only to tuition payments made to "accredited" institutions of higher education, the three civic leaders claimed that Fecht had been paid \$2504 by the City, not for his monthly tuition payments to Lacrosse, but for the "research report" which Fecht had supposedly submitted to Lacrosse to fulfill its requirement for a written "thesis".

In spite of several requests from **THE HERALD**, Police Chief Fecht has refused to give back the \$2504 he took under false pretenses from the City of Cheyenne.

He has also refused to allow anyone associated with this newspaper to see or



make copies of his so-called "thesis" or "research report". Ironically, the title of the document was supposedly "*A History of Police-Community Relations in Cheyenne, Wyoming*".

Chief Fecht's adamant refusal to allow anyone to see the research report for which he was paid \$2504 by the City of Cheyenne has created the unmistakable impression that the report (or thesis) doesn't really exist, in which case the Chief may be guilty of theft from the City's treasury.

The Chief's refusal to let **THE HERALD** make a copy of the "thesis" may stem from his knowledge that the newspaper intended to send the document to Dr. John Bear, a national expert on bogus mail-order degrees.

Dr. Bear has observed that many of the "research reports" accepted by such degree sellers to fulfill their "thesis" requirements are roughly equivalent in quality to an average high school term paper.

Now Police Chief Bob Fecht has been elected to the Wyoming State Senate. He will be sworn in next month in ceremonies at the State Capitol.

To commemorate Chief Bob Fecht's ascension from law-enforcer to law-maker, **THE HERALD** is offering a high-quality T-shirt emblazoned with the official logo of Lacrosse University.

The logo features a picture of a cupcake inside a postage stamp surrounded by the school's motto ... **INTELLECTUS, SCIENTIFICUS, BOGUS, DOOFUS** (Latin for **wisdom, science, fraud, and fool**).

Proceeds from the sale of these souvenir T-shirts will be donated by **THE HERALD** to an ETHICAL member of the State Senate.

In addition, the State's Legislative Service Office has agreed to allow Senate pages to wear these commemorative T-shirts on "casual Fridays" during the upcoming legislative session.

The purpose will be to remind members of both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the problems posed by such unscrupulous diploma mills AND the dangers of electing unethical candidates who believe that honesty is merely the best THEORY.

## RESCUED

**City Councilman Lucky To Be Alive After Harrowing Brush With Death!**

Most people who are familiar with Jimmy Valdez know him as an accomplished musician, a radio host, a self-proclaimed expert on horse racing, and a member of the Cheyenne City Council.

Many are not aware, however, that Councilman Valdez is also an avid hunter and outdoorsman.

A few weeks ago Valdez and some pals went elk hunting in Carbon County. Before going out into the woods, the would-be hunters took a few minutes to review some survival tips in the unlikely event that they got separated or lost.

"If you get lost," the professional guide reminded the Councilman and his hunting buddies, "stay where you are and shoot three times into the air. Then wait exactly fifteen minutes and shoot three more times into the air. Keep doing this ... shooting three times every fifteen minutes ... until help arrives."

As luck would have it on that fateful day, it was Valdez himself who got separated from the rest of the hunting party. Once he realized that he was lost and in potential danger, Valdez took the guide's advice and shot three times into the air. Every fifteen minutes for the next few hours, he shot three more times into the air.

Valdez's hunting companions finally located him pacing anxiously near a fallen pine tree. When they arrived, Councilman Valdez was heard to mutter, "I'm sure glad you guys got here when you did. I was almost out of arrows."



## IS THIS WHY MAYOR SPIKER AND CHIEF FECHT THINK IT'S PERFECTLY OKAY TO LIE?

During the past four years, **THE CHEYENNE HERALD** has documented several examples of outright lies foisted onto the public by Mayor Jack Spiker, City Attorney Mike Basom, and other members of the Spiker administration.

Who can forget, for example, the Mayor's oft-repeated whopper about the new parking garage paying for itself or the various misstatements regarding the City's purchase of the Belvoir Ranch?

**THE HERALD** has often wondered how Mayor Spiker ... a man who likes to remind people at every opportunity about what a superior

Christian he is ... can justify telling falsehoods. After all, doesn't one of the Ten Commandments deal specifically with telling lies?

Maybe not.

The photo to the right shows a LENNOX AUTO BODY billboard near the corner of Snyder and West Lincolnway.

Conspicuously missing from the list is anything which could be considered equivalent to **THOU SHALT NOT LIE**.

Perhaps such convenient revisionism is one more advantage of being a "creative Christian".

