

Wyoming should be oh so proud!

Diploma mill lies can be heard (read) around the world. From Wyoming.

Everyone has heard the joke with the punchline: "We've established that. Now, we're just dickering on price."

Well, that's what Wyoming is willing to be. In terms of open-armed acceptance of bogus degree-sellers, who are allowed to ply their trade worldwide, that is. From Wyoming, most often from Cheyenne.

The state doesn't have the same mentality about higher education as many others. With only one four-year institution of higher learning - the University of Wyoming at Laramie - that attracts but a tiny fraction of the enrollment it should, options are scarce. And it has been only a recent dawning by educrats that so-called institutions of higher learning (degree sellers to the Cheyenne Herald) may not be what they purport to be.

The State has allowed these scoundrels to operate from within its borders and regulate them with a licensing fee and trips to faraway lands - except Vietnam, which even the educrats don't consider a junket worth taking.

The story from the website of American City University should be all Wyoming legislators need to realize that they've been hoodwinked for lo these many years.

Operating from the second floor of the downtown Tivoli Building in Cheyenne, these operators are bold, brazen and blatant enough to use the "American educational system" model to sell their worthless degrees. They tell unsuspecting and desperate "students" in foreign lands how a Bachelor's degree in a "standard US university" can be earned. And then how such students can earn a master's degree. Also, how a doctorate is pursued.

Then, this degree seller has the unmitigated gall to describe itself as "a truly international American institution of higher learning."

Horse hockey.

If that isn't enough, this money changer portrays itself as a diplomatic mission. "ACU seeks to make a significant contribution towards (sic) better international understanding by educating students in an international environment and preparing them for international careers."

When the City designated the area around the former UP railroad depot as a blighted area (so they could divert funds intended for the needy to that building), they should have drawn a much bigger circle from the majestic old building. The Tivoli Building and Majestic Building (home of another degree selling business, American Global University) should have been caught in the web. A former degree seller that the Cheyenne Herald helped drive out of town operated from the basement of the former Mossholder's Building. Another has an address in the cellar of the Downtown Mall at 17th and Carey. Yet another has a boiler room operation in the

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ACU Headquarters Cheyenne, Wyoming

Mission:
American City University is a truly international American institution of higher learning, attracting students from many different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. ACU reflects the needs of the global economy and world for well-trained professionals, able to speak English and one or more other languages with a solid American education combined with an international cultural background.

ACU seeks to make a significant contribution towards better international understanding by educating students in an international environment and preparing them for international careers.

ACU will not only train and prepare students thoroughly for their future professional tasks, and give them a sound educational background but will consciously prepare them for their future leadership role. This is achieved not only through special courses and seminars on leadership, but is also emphasized in the context of regular coursework.

The educational effort at ACU puts special emphasis on developing international and cross-cultural competencies through acquiring foreign language skills, by providing for its students the opportunity to study in different countries and yet remain within one university.

ACU Cheyenne Center

Doctoral Degree Programs will be offered by ACU Cheyenne Center. A Doctoral qualification is the highest academic award and it represents the final qualification available to students.

The Doctoral program will be available in the following academic disciplines:

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basement of the former J.C. Penney Building. All are "blights" on Cheyenne. (ACU has temporarily joined Paramount in the cellar of the Downtown Mall - soon to move upstairs of Wyoming Home.)

But the educrats have not only tolerated their existence, they have encouraged them. Last year, the DOE allowed a start-up degree seller to troll for students before they purchased the mandatory license to operate in Wyoming.

American City University (referenced above) claims to have 14 locations in the world. Not counting the stellar campus in downtown Cheyenne, Wyoming, of course. The "locations" are many time zones from Cheyenne. Included in their locations: London, Limerick and Cork, Ireland, Kiev (not Chicken, the Ukraine),

Macedonia, Dubai, UAE (Wyoming educrats and legislators have traveled to that one), Beirut, Lebanon (guessing they didn't travel to that hotspot), Athens, Greece (the Herald is willing to send a representative to check out that campus), Sri Lanka, Taiwan, the Philippines and Malaysia.

Notice that none of their operation, except Cheyenne, Wyoming, is in the United States, North America or is on our side of the Greenwich Mean time zone?

Why do you suppose such a large and distinguished "institution of higher learning" chose Cheyenne for its base? Could it have anything to do with Great Lakes Airline? Anything to do with the cost and difficulty of anyone just happening across their U.S. campus, only to find out that

it's really not a campus at all but a second story office in a closed building?

Or are they showing their "Headquarters" to be in Cheyenne, Wyoming, because the state's legislature ignores the ignominy of having these scoundrels here and have refused to require accreditation?

The above promotion piece claims that "Doctoral Degree Programs will be offered from ACU Cheyenne Central."

Doctorals? ACU Cheyenne Central?

What will it take for educrats and legislators in Wyoming to recognize just how preposterous and unsavory these operations are? They flaunt this dreck in our faces and DOE doesn't notice? ACU and their kind should be unwelcome. Period.