

Staying one step ahead of the law Wyoming is still not rid of the degree peddlers

The multitude of nonaccredited degree sellers in Wyoming were supposed to be on their way out. But the Wyoming Legislature gave them plenty of time to continue taking money from unsuspecting degree buyers around the world and they're still at it.

The Tivoli Building closed a couple years ago and the attic-dweller there (American City University) has floated around the downtown since. But the website used to troll for naive foreigners wanting a college degree from an American "University" still thinks ACU is in that impressive, albeit tiny, building. It is still being shown as their home and 214 W. Lincolnway is still being shown as their home address. Try to find them there.

Where is the Wyoming Department of Education while this continues in Wyoming's capital city? Hunkered down, awaiting some sort of marching orders from the Governor.

The "big fish" in our small pond of unaccredited degree sellers has been Kennedy-Western University. Their offices were in the basement of the former J.C. Penney building in downtown Cheyenne. They were always able to gain support from those responsible for monitoring their activities and protecting the gullible "students" around the world who paid degree peddlers like KWU big dollars for pieces of paper worthless where issued.

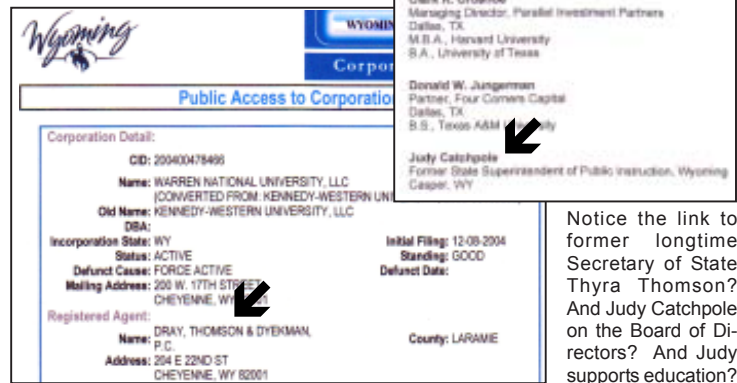
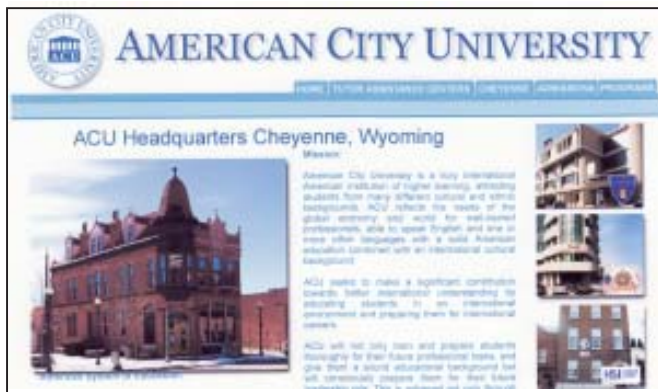
The new State requirement of becoming

accredited in Wyoming over a period of too many years may have inspired Kennedy-Western to take another action.

They changed their name.

The cellar-dwellers became "Warren National University." How dare they usurp one of Wyoming's most respected names for their use in nonaccredited degree selling? Why not "Simpson" or "Pershing"?

How deeply into Wyoming lore and politics will this operation sink its fangs? Look at the Board of Directors for the new "Warren National University." It's no wonder our public education officials had no stomach for making these peddlers conform to a national standard - they want the junkets and the Director seats. For shame!



Notice the link to former longtime Secretary of State Thyra Thomson? And Judy Catchpole on the Board of Directors? And Judy supports education?

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NFL draft

John Wendling. Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Although slipping out of the Top 100 NFL draft prospects, the speedy former University of Wyoming defensive back may be one of the highest picks coming out of Wyoming in quite awhile.

In 25 years (1982-2006), only 24 UW players have been drafted and only five have been taken in the first three Rounds -- Steve Scifres in 1997 (T, 3rd Round by Dallas), Ryan Yarborough in 1994 (WR, 2nd Round by the Jets), Eric Coleman in 1989 (CB, 2nd Round by New England), Chris Kolodziejek in 1984 (TE, 2nd Round by Pittsburgh), and Jim Eliopoulos in 1982 (LB, 3rd Round by Dallas).

John Wendling has been rated among the premier players at his position, free safety. He is ranked as high as No. 6 at his position and one of the top 150 players at any position. He had earlier been ranked in the Top 100 (OT Chase Johnson has also been ranked in the top 200 players).

Amazingly, Wendling has one of the fastest times in the 40 - only three players projected ahead of him in the draft are faster than his 4.4 seconds. Two of them are wide receivers from Ohio State (4.38 and 4.35) and one is a CB (4.28).

John Wendling is the only of the four fastest of the Top 150 players who weighs over 200 lbs (he is 222).

Anna Nicole Smith

Seldom has a tragedy played itself out in such public view as sadly as the spectacle now (February 21st) being seen in a Fort Lauderdale, Florida courtroom. An unfortunate young woman who had recently lost a 20 year-old son and then died herself only weeks later, was the subject of a tug-of-war for her remains. For her body, for God's sake. To allow someone to finally inter her body.

Notorious in life but far outdone by those around her after her death at 39 years of age, this large woman (5'11" and often over 200 lbs) had recently prevailed at the U.S. Supreme Court in a matter having to do with her battle for an inheritance. A 13-month marriage to a wealthy Texan, 63 years her senior, had ended with his death.

A 1992 Playboy Playmate of the Year, Ms. Smith became a caricature of herself. Her slurred speech in public and on a reality television show she starred in led many to suspect heavy use of drugs. Then she lost an incredible amount of weight and became a spokesperson for a diet program. Whatever her motivation for marrying an 89 year-old infirm billionaire when she was 26, Anna Nicole Smith did not deserve the afterlife being played out in Florida. Those leeches who attached themselves to her are disgusting. The judge running out this legal matter was equally as reprehensible.