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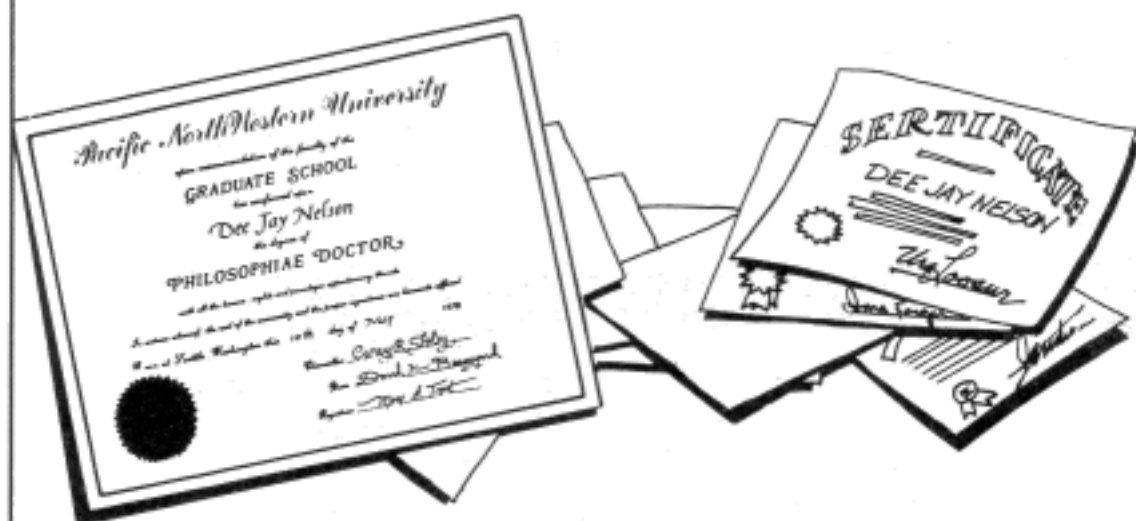
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# DEE JAY NELSON: DEGREE CREDENTIALS



## OBJECTIVES

- To prove that Nelson has no valid educational degrees.
- To prove that the only degree Nelson can claim is a Ph.D. degree from a “diploma mill” known as PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY. He states that he also received a B.S. in Biology from this same university.
- To prove that, according to the Attorney General of the State of Washington, the phony “diploma mill” of Pacific Northwestern University was owned and operated by one man, Archillo O. Bourque — not the Mormon church as the Nelsons claim.
- To prove that Nelson never attended the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago. He claimed a Ph.D. degree from this institution on the Mike Dixon Talk Show, February 20, 1980.
- To prove that Nelson never attended the University of California at Berkeley. From this institution, Nelson claims an M.S. in Egyptology.
- To prove that Nelson’s true educational credentials indicate 2 years of high school and less than one quarter of college.

**CHAPTER ONE:  
DEE JAY NELSON: DEGREE CREDENTIALS**

Below is a listing of some of Nelson's degrees, the institutions he received his degrees from, and the source of this information. Are Nelson's degrees valid? This chapter will be devoted to investigating these degrees and the purported degree granting institutions.

<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>GRANTING INSTITUTION</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>
B.S. Biology	Pacific Northwestern University Seattle, WA	New Horizons Pamphlet Rocky Mtn. College Billings, MT (See p. 4)
Ph.D. Anthropology (Special emphasis on Egyptology — See p. 72, 211)	Pacific Northwestern University Seattle, WA	Taped Lecture, February 22, 1980 Mesa, Arizona (See p. 34, 186, 189)
Ph.D. (field not given)	Oriental Institute Univ. of Chicago Chicago, IL	Mike Dixon Talk Show K.O.Y. Radio Station February 20, 1980 (See p. 33)
M.S. Egyptology	Univ. of California Berkeley, CA	New Horizons Pamphlet Rocky Mountain College Billings, MT (See p. 4)

**B.S. — BIOLOGY**

**Ph.D — ANTHROPOLOGY  
(With Special Emphasis on Egyptology)**

from

**PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

The following account is of this author's investigation of Pacific Northwestern University.

Dee Jay Nelson, in his taped lecture of Feb. 22nd, in Mesa, Arizona, was proud to mention his Ph.D. degree. This is what he said: "I received my doctoral degree in my old age. I've had it a little over three years, on a scholarship from Northwestern University. Now there are, like there are two Loyola Universities in the United States and there are two Northwesterns, and this one is the one near Seattle" (see Lecture, p. 186. Although his statements here are vague, the New Horizons pamphlet lists the institution as "Pacific Northwestern College", see p. 4).

Dialing information in Seattle, Washington, under every combination of the name Pacific Northwestern University proved futile. We tried Pacific Northwestern, Northwestern of the Pacific, etc., but there was nothing listed in the Seattle area. However, there was a Pacific Lutheran University located in Tacoma, Washington, so I tried that. I talked to Mrs. Rosa Morgan, Reference Assistant in the Library, at that University. She was most helpful in trying to locate Nelson's doctoral thesis and Pacific Northwestern University. She was unable to locate either!

Mrs. Morgan tried to locate Nelson's Doctoral thesis Dissertation Abstracts. Dee Jay Nelson was not mentioned. The only D.J. Nelsons listed were David John Nelson, whose doctoral thesis is on the subject of violin studies; and Deborah Joyce Nelson, whose thesis is on a clinical aspect of brain function. Also, Dee Jay Nelson's name did not appear in the Comprehensive Bibliography of Anthropology Dissertations, 1911-1977.

Mrs. Morgan also attempted to locate Pacific Northwestern in the telephone book, and then in Lovejoy's College Guide, 1979, and the closest name that she could find was Northgate Graduate School at Bellingham, Washington. This is a private college chartered under the Covenant Bible Fellowship and offers degrees in theology. No other school in the Seattle area seems to come close to matching the name "Pacific Northwestern University". **She mentioned that there were newspaper reports of an unethical degree mill in Tacoma** (see Morgan letter, p. 5).

I called the library at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, and talked to Deborah K. Blouin, Reference Librarian, and she was unable to locate Pacific Northwestern University (see Blouin letter, p. 5).

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE BROCHURE

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\$20.00

Mondays 7-9 pm  
Forth - **DEE JAY NELSON**



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college. Operations manager, Georgia Pacific.  
D. Experience in teaching guitar for over 15

ng Realtors, specializing in residential and  
2. real estate designations. B.S. in Business.

niversity. 1 year of study at University of  
C. Experience teaching German for several

parish and French, Rocky Mountain College.  
C. Diploma of Spanish Language and Culture.

er of Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Billings

sity of Washington; M.S.A. in painting, San  
stalt Institute, San Francisco. Three years at

**MARTIN, DR. MARIAN:** Clinical Psychologist - private practice in Billings.

**NELSON, DEE JAY:** Lecturer, author and Egyptologist. B.S. in Biology, Pacific Northwest College. M.S. in Egyptology, University of California at Berkeley.

**NELSON, DR. GEORGE R.:** Director, Center for Career Opportunities and Associate Professor of Education, Rocky Mountain College. D.Ed., University of Oregon.

**NELSON, TOM:** Owner of Castle Gallery and Framing. B.F.A. in Art History, Education, and Studio Arts.

**NEWELL, SUSAN:** Program Development Specialist, EMC. M.S. in Education, EMC. Six years experience in cooking and eating health and vegetarian food.

**PATERA, ELENA:** Appeared on the Broadway stage. Was a soloist with the Original Ballet Russe in Europe, and danced at the Swedish State Theatre, Malmo Sweden. Ten years as a performer and over fifteen years as a ballet instructor.

**RAMSEY, DR. DICK:** Professor of Biology, Rocky Mountain College. Ph.D., University of California.

**SCHILBERG, JOHN:** Broadcast maintenance engineer at KTVQ. First class F.C.C. license. Degree in broadcast engineering from Milwaukee Area Technical College.

**SLOCUM, LAURIE:** President, Western Commodities, Inc. Worked with commodity futures and markets for 20 years, including the Chicago Board of Trade Building. Member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

**STORER, CHUCK:** Over 20 years experience in photography. Graduate of Ray Vogue School of Photography. Former owner of A's Photo (Commercial and Portrait), Butte, Montana. Four years experience teaching photography.

**THOMPSON, CINDY:** Works at Rocky Mountain College in ladies exercise and aquatics program. Six years experience at teaching swimming.

**WAGNER, GLOVER:** Minister, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). B.A., Lawrence University; M.Div., Union Theological Seminary.

**WALTERS, KATHY:** Aquatic Coordinator, Rocky Mountain College. B.S. in Education, EMC. Experience teaching swimming as well as being a CPR instructor.

**WILLIAMS, LINDA:** Psychiatric Social Worker, A.C.S.W. Psychotherapist an Supervisor-Alternative Services Dept., Mental Health Center. Private practice.

**NEW HORIZONS**  
center for continuing education  
rocky mountain college

spring quarter



Robert A. L. Mortvedt Library  
**PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**  
 Tacoma, Washington  
 584477 (206) 531-6900

Feb. 23, 1980

Dear Mr. Brown,

I could find no listing of D.J. Nelson in Dissertation Abstracts except for David John Nelson, whose doctoral thesis is on the subject of violin studies, and Deborah Joyce Nelson (Univ. of Calif. at L.A.) whose thesis is on a clinical aspect of brain function. Mr. Nelson's name did not appear in comprehensive bibliographies of Anthropology dissertations, 1911-1977.

The absence of a listing in these dissertations records is not conclusive proof but it does suggest that the man named has not had a Ph. D. thesis accepted at an accredited college or university.

The National Faculty Directory, 1977, 78, lists many Farleys but none teaching in the state of Washington. Lovejoy's College Guide, 1979, lists a little-known school located in Bellingham called Northgate Graduate School. It is a private college chartered under the Covenant Bible Fellowship, it offers research programs leading to graduate degrees mostly in the field of theology. In Seattle area seems to come close to matching the name, "Pacific Northwest University".

There have been some newspaper reports of an unaccredited degree mill operating in Tacoma, calling itself a University without walls. Sorry we cannot be more helpful.

*Karen Morgan*  
 Reference Assistant

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ARIZONA STATE  
**UNIVERSITY**  
 UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

March 18, 1980

Mr. Robert L. Brown  
 [REDACTED]  
 Mesa, AZ 85203

Dear Mr. Brown:

I looked in three directories of colleges and universities in the United States which had a publication date of 1978, 1979 or 1980 in order to verify the existence of a Pacific Northwestern University or a Northwestern Pacific University. I also tried the Seattle and the Tacoma 1979 telephone books. Then I looked in a 1968 directory of colleges and universities. All to no avail.

Cordially,

*Deborah K. Slouin*  
 Deborah K. Slouin  
 Reference Librarian

## PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IS A DIPLOMA MILL

Pacific Northwestern University was found to be an unethical "diploma mill" subsequently shut down by the Attorney General's Office of the State of Washington! The letter below is from the Attorney General's Office concerning Pacific Northwestern University. Five forms were also enclosed with this letter which the diploma mill used for advertising and ordering. These forms are shown beginning on the next page.



### OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SLADE GORTON ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 TEMPLE OF JUSTICE OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON 98504

November 20, 1980

Mr. Robert L. Brown  
 Mesa, Arizona 85203

Dear Mr. Brown:

Since you are interested in the activities of Pacific Northwestern University, I have enclosed for your information a copy of the complaint filed on behalf of the State of Washington and the answer submitted by Mr. Archille Bourque, who is the sole individual responsible for the diploma mill.

I have also included some photocopies of pages from his deposition. Pages 60, 61 and 69 reflect that "[i]t was strictly a one-man operation." He also indicated that all signatures on the diplomas and transcripts were his alone and no one else's. Thus all the information we have indicates that it was a sole proprietorship.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Bourque actually operated seven different diploma mills under the following designations:

Pacific Northwestern University  
 Atlantic Northeastern University  
 Great Lakes University  
 Western Cascade University  
 Gulf Southern University  
 Atlantic Southern University  
 Meremac Valley University

At the current time the court here in the State of Washington has entered a preliminary injunction so that since about July of this year Mr. Bourque has not been issuing any diplomas or transcripts. Simply for your information I have also enclosed a copy of a diploma plus the transcript to back it up issued by one of the seven universities.

Very truly yours,

  
 RICHARD M. MONTECUCCO  
 Assistant Attorney General

RMM:net  
 Enc.

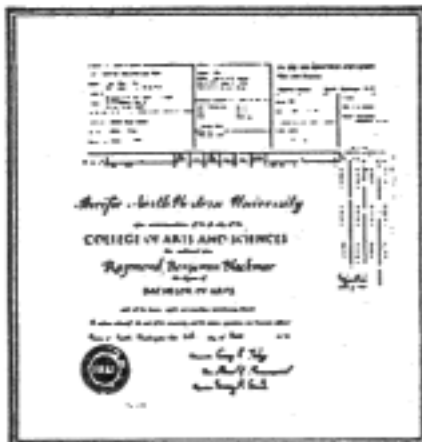
## FORM 1: ADVERTISING THE DEGREE

NO CLASSES . . . LOW COST . . . CUSTOM PRINTED . . . SEAL TO ATTEST TO ITS AUTHENTICITY . . . NO STUDYING . . . NO EXAMS . . . YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE TRANSCRIPT WITH DIPLOMA TO PROVIDE **PROOF OF AUTHENTICITY OF YOUR DIPLOMA** . . . ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MAILED TO WHOMEVER YOU WISH FOR A SMALL FEE . . . SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR MONEY REFUNDED.



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UNIVERSITY

### will award you a **COLLEGE DIPLOMA**



#### No Classes

Now you can have that diploma you have always wanted but have not had time to study for, and at a cost so low it will surprise you.

Your diploma will be custom printed on heavy-weight parchment paper, and carefully hand-lettered by a professional calligrapher with your full name, type of degree, and date of graduation. The diploma will be approved by the original signatures of the university chancellor, the dean of the college granting your degree, and the registrar. A gold medallion embossed with the original seal of Pacific Northwestern University will be affixed to your diploma to attest to its authenticity.

#### No Studying

Each diploma is accurate in every detail, just as any diploma awarded by other colleges and universities throughout the nation. It will be a handsome addition to the wall of your den, study, or office. You'll impress your friends and acquaintances when you display your achievements as a bachelor, master, or doctor.

#### No Exams

With each diploma Pacific Northwestern University will prepare an individual record of your college attendance and provide you with a transcript of the courses taken and grades earned for the degree you have been awarded. This transcript will provide "proof" of the authenticity of your diploma to those friends and acquaintances who may wish to verify its accuracy. Your college record will be realistic in every detail, complete with the original signature of an official in the registrar's office and the embossed seal of the university.

You will receive one authenticated transcript free with your diploma. Additional certified copies will be mailed from the office of the registrar directly to whomever you wish for a small additional fee.

**YOU MUST BE COMPLETELY SATISFIED OR YOUR PURCHASE PRICE WILL BE CHEERFULLY REFUNDED IF DIPLOMA AND TRANSCRIPT ARE RETURNED WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIPT.**

*(See next page for description of diplomas available)*



## FORM 2: DIPLOMAS AVAILABLE AND PRICE LIST

Take your pick . . .

BACHELOR'S DEGREE	\$ 85.00
MASTER'S DEGREE	\$140.00
DOCTOR'S DEGREE	\$195.00

## DIPLOMAS AVAILABLE

## Bachelor's Degree



This degree is normally awarded for four year's study beyond high school level. Select one of these degrees:

BACHELOR OF ARTS  
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The full cost of each Bachelor's diploma, including transcripts, is \$85.00. Time payment price is \$35.00 down and \$5.00 per month for ten months. No finance charge. On all installment purchases your diploma is sent at once, but your transcript is not mailed until all payments have been received by PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN.

## Master's Degree



This degree is normally awarded for one or two year's study beyond the bachelor's degree level. Select one of these degrees:

MASTER OF ACCOUNTING  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
MASTER OF FINE ARTS  
MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE  
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING  
MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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## Doctor's Degree



This degree is normally awarded for three or more year's study beyond the master's degree level. Select one of these degrees:

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
DOCTOR OF EDUCATION  
DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING  
DOCTOR OF LIBRARY SCIENCE  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The full cost of each Doctor's diploma is \$195.00, which includes official transcripts. Time payment price is \$45.00 down and \$15.00 per month for ten months. Your transcript will show three years of study at postgraduate level.

## FORM 3: ORDER FORM

Enter the information needed to prepare your own personal diploma and college transcript . . .

CHECK WHICH DIPLOMA AND TRANSCRIPT YOU WANT . . . HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATED FROM . . . DATE ENTERED COLLEGE . . . DATE GRADUATED . . . MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY (FROM OUR LIST OR SELECT YOUR OWN) . . . BUY ON TIME OR USE YOUR CHARGE CARD.

<b>ORDER FORM</b>							
Mail to Registrar, PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, 2420 First Ave., Seattle, WA 98121							
<b>PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMA AND TRANSCRIPT (check one or more):</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BACHELOR.</b> Cash price \$85.00 or \$35.00 and \$5.00 per month for 10 months.							
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MASTER.</b> Cash price \$140.00 or \$40.00 down and \$10.00 per month for 10 months.							
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DOCTOR.</b> Cash price \$195.00 or \$45.00 down and \$15.00 per month for 10 months.							
<b>COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION CAREFULLY</b>							
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> The information below is needed to prepare your personal diploma and college transcripts. Be sure spelling, dates and places are correctly entered. <b>PRINT</b> or type all information clearly.							
Full Name of graduate _____							
first		middle		last			
Home address _____							
street		city		state		zip	
Nearest relative _____							
name		street		city		state	
High School graduated from _____							
name of HS		city		state		mo./yr. of graduation	
Date of birth _____							
mo.		day		year		Place of birth _____	
city		state		year			
<b>THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REFER TO YOUR "STUDIES" AT PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN. Select answers which best fit your own person if APPLY AND MITTEL.</b>							
Date entered college _____							
mo.		day		year		Date of graduation _____	
mo.		day		year			
Major field of study (From our list or select your own) _____							
Degree _____							
(Bachelor of _____, Master of _____, or Doctor of _____.)							
Any special instructions or requests _____							
<p><b>NO FINANCE CHARGE.</b> If full cash price is sent with your order diploma and transcripts will be mailed to you. If only a down payment is sent with your order, you will receive your diploma at once, but a transcript of your college record will not be mailed until after all monthly payments have been made. <b>ADDITIONAL COPIES OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU OR WHOMEVER YOU DESIGNATE FOR \$5.00 EACH, POSTPAID.</b></p>							
<p><b>PAYMENT BY CHECK, MONEY ORDER, OR CHARGE CARD</b> Accepted. MasterCard or PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN. You may charge cash price, down payment, and/or monthly payments to MASTERCARD, VISA, or BANKAMERIC CARD.</p>				<p><b>COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR CHARGE ORDERS ONLY: ACCOUNT NO. (17 OR MORE DIGITS) FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD      <input type="checkbox"/> BANKAMERIC/VISA</p> <p>(Last 4 digits before your account no.)</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____      Expiration Date of Card</p> <p>Signature of Credit card holder _____</p>			
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID OR CHARGED \$ _____							
SEND ORDER POSTPAID TO: _____							
name		city		state		zip	
mailing address _____							
<p>I understand that PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY is not now an accredited institution of higher learning. I have purchased diploma and transcripts for diploma and transcript production only.</p>							
Date _____ Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____							

## FORM 4: SAMPLE TRANSCRIPT

Note the authentic looking transcript.

NAME, ADDRESS . . . CAMPUS ADDRESS . . . STUDENT NUMBER . . .  
DATE OF GRADUATION . . . COURSES TAKEN . . . HOURS "EARNED" . . .  
. . . GRADES RECEIVED . . . CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE . . .  
MAJOR . . . MINOR . . . DEGREE AWARDED . . . HONORS — CUM  
LAUDE!



# Pacific Northwestern

## UNIVERSITY

STUDENT NAME: Stanley Vincent Hughes  
ADDRESS: 7205 East 12th Street  
CITY, STATE: Casper, Colorado  
NEAREST RELATIVE: Alice M. Hughes (mother)  
ADDRESS: Route #3, Box 122  
CITY, STATE: Cheyenne, Wyoming  
STUDENT'S LOCAL ADDRESS:  
Room 212  
Bell Hall

STUDENT NUMBER: 66 - 088 - 3411  
SERIAL SECURITY NO.: 318 - 72 - 8779  
BIRTHDATE: July 20, 1937  
BIRTHPLACE: Cheyenne, Wyoming  
HIGH SCHOOL: Central High School  
EDUCATION: Cheyenne, WYO  
DATE OF GRADUATION: June 16, 1955  
REMARKS:

DEPT. NO.	COURSE	HRS.	GRADE	POINTS	DEPT. NO.	COURSE	HRS.	GRADE	POINTS
	FALL 1966					SPRING 1969			
PSY 100	Gen Psychology	3	A	12	SOC 292	Society & Just	3	A	12
ENG 101	English Comp I	3	B	9	PUB 360	Mgmt in Govt	3	A	12
MAT 150	College Algebra	3	B	9	PUB 321	Integ Admin	3	A	12
HST 121	US History I	3	A	12	ENV 343	Envir Well Being	3	B	9
ENV 170	Econ & Soc Env	3	A	12	PHI 207	Intro to Philos	3	A	12
	Sum 3.6 Cum 3.60 Hrs 15					Sum 3.8 Cum 3.50 Hrs 90			
	SPRING 1967					FALL 1969			
ENG 102	English Comp II	3	A	12	ENV 465	Resource Mgmt	3	A	12
HST 122	US History II	3	B	9	PUB 364	Public Finance	3	A	12
SJM 120	Speech I	3	C	6	ENV 465	Adv Sociology	3	A	12
POL 161	American Govt	3	B	9	ENV 465	Organic Theory	3	A	12
BUS 171	Business Stat	3	A	12	ENV 465	Personnel Mgmt	3	A	12
	Sum 3.2 Cum 3.40 Hrs 30					Sum 3.57 Hrs 105			
	FALL 1967					SPRING 1970			
BUS 211	Economics I	3	D	9	PUB 320	Public Account	3	A	12
BUS 231	Accounting I	3	B	9	SOC 402	Sociology of Wk	3	A	12
HST 201	West Civiliz I	3	A	12	ENV 425	Ethnic Studies	3	A	12
ENV 113	Ecosystems	3	C	6	ENV 402	Minorities	3	A	12
SJM 220	Exposition	3	B	9	ENV 499	Env Stud Workshop	3	A	20
	Sum 3.0 Cum 3.26 Hrs 45					Sum 4.0 Cum 3.61 Hrs 122			
	SPRING 1968								
BUS 212	Economics II	3	B	9					
HST 202	West Civiliz II	3	A	12					
BUS 232	Accounting II	3	A	12					
SUS 270	Legal Env	3	B	9					
SOC 221	Fund of Sociology	3	A	12					
	Sum 3.6 Cum 3.35 Hrs 60								
	FALL 1968								
ENV 310	Urban Community	3	A	12					
ENV 341	Fol Det & Soc Chng	3	A	12					
SOC 361	Social Psychology	3	A	12					
PUB 342	Admin Law	3	B	9					
PUB 201	Intro to Pub Admin	3	A	12					
	Sum 3.8 Cum 3.44 Hrs 75								

CERTIFIED FOR GRADUATION ON JUNE 12, 1970

*Roger B. Dawson*  
REGISTRAR

OFFICIAL

*Louise de Fontaine*  
Not official unless seal and signature are affixed

DATE ENTERED Sept. 12, 1966  
HRS ATTAINED 122  
HRS COMPLETED 122  
CUMULATIVE C.P.A. 3.61

COLLEGE: Arts & Sciences  
MAJOR: Social Science  
MINOR: Environmental  
Studies

DEGREE AWARDED Bachelor of Science  
DATE AWARDED June 12, 1970  
HONORS cum laude

## FORM 5: PARKING DECAL REQUEST

What would be more impressive to friends and acquaintances than a parking decal on your car. They have thought of everything!



### **FREE PARKING DECAL**

Return this card with your order and we will include a **STUDENT PARKING** window decal for your use. This attractive decal is three inches square and printed in school colors on a transparent backing which can easily be affixed to the rear window of your auto. This decal is **FREE** but you must

**RETURN THIS CARD**

## LEGAL PAPERS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General's Office, State of Washington, submitted to this author four sets of legal papers against the "diploma mill". The following is a brief summary of some of the information contained in those reports. The actual legal documents follow, beginning on the next page.

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The signatures on the diplomas are fictitious — All were done by one person (subsequently identified as Archillo O. Bourque).	
It was strictly a one-man operation.	14, 26
Pacific Northwestern University is identified in the legal action.	15
A "Degree Mill" is defined: . . . it provides educational credentials and degrees by mail without classes, study, or examinations.	17, 18
The defendants (Mr. and Mrs. Archillo O. Bourque) are charged with <b>offering college and university diplomas simply by payment of a fixed fee without the necessity of attending classes, enrolling, study, or taking examinations.</b>	19, 22, 25
The full cost of each doctor's diploma is \$195.00, which includes an official transcript.	19
The court entered a temporary restraining order immediately restraining the defendants from operating in the State of Washington.	20
The answering defendants admit that from time to time one or more of them have offered and sold to persons outside the State of Washington novelty diplomas and transcripts for a fixed fee.	23, 25
The defendants obeyed the temporary restraining order and terminated the businesses in question. Mr. Bourque will be required to make restitution to his customers.	26

(Mr. Montecucco)

- 1 distributed the garbage bags over a number of  
2 Deepsey dumpsters in the greater North Seattle  
3 area.  
4 Q Why did you spray them, what does that do?  
5 A It causes the stuff to decay faster. There's lye  
6 in Easy Off, which is a kind of oven cleaner.  
7 Q But you just helped yourself to some handy dumpsters  
8 and threw them in?  
9 A Placed a small bag in each.  
10 Q How many bags did you have?  
11 A I think about sixteen small black garbage bags.  
12 Q Some of the Atlantic Southern diplomas are signed  
13 by Baylor Gray, Chancellor, Jan T. Thompson as  
14 Dean, and Lee Franklin as Registrar. I assume  
15 these are all fictitious people?  
16 A That's right.  
17 Q Would those have been your manuscript signatures  
18 on there or some other individuals?  
19 A Mine.  
20 Q So, even though they differ considerably, it would  
21 actually be your hand that did it?  
22 My hand did every signature on every diploma.  
23 Q Gulf Southern is also through Kenneth Clarke,  
24 Randall something and I can't read the Registrar's  
25 name.

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(Mr. Montecucco)

- 1 A Anne B. Darwin.  
2 Q That would also be -- you've written that?  
3 A Yes. That's my signature.  
4 Q It's also true on the transcript, the authentication  
5 by the Registrar and the -- whoever this individual  
6 is?  
7 A That's correct. That's my signature.  
8 Q The difference between Admissions Counselling  
9 Service and Mail Order Sales is what?  
10 A Mail Order Sales was a company registered with the  
11 state, recorded for state tax with the state.  
12 Q What did it do, though?  
13 A It was the in-state base that I used to remain  
14 legitimate. I paid all my taxes for Mail Order  
15 Sales.  
16 Q But you really ran the money, your income from  
17 the sale of diplomas, through Mail Order Sales?  
18 A Not completely.  
19 Q Where did the rest of it go?  
20 A To do this I'll have to explain how the money was  
21 handled when it came in from a customer. When a  
22 customer -- let's use Western Cascade as an example --  
23 would place an order, he would write a check to  
24 Western Cascade. The instructions on the order  
25 form were to write to Western Cascade period.

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by Mr. Montecucco)

1 Q Can you give me both those numbers later on?

2 A Yes.

3 MR. SETCHELL: We can get them for you.

4 Q Give me the names and addresses of any and all  
5 individuals who assisted you in this mail order  
6 service for diplomas.

7 A It was strictly a one-man operation.

8 Q That's not what I want. You gave me Lin Harrison --  
9 is that right?

10 A (Witness nodded head affirmatively.)

11 Q There's one. She did the actual printing of the  
12 diplomas. Now, who else would have operated in  
13 that capacity?

14 A Okay. Well, I'm going to have to trace the trail  
15 of how our diploma is put together to identify.  
16 The envelopes that were used and prepared for  
17 each of these business would have in almost every  
18 case been printed by an out-of-state printer.

19 Q Why an out-of-state printer?

20 A Because the prices are better. You can order  
21 envelopes in quantity much cheaper than you can  
22 locally, and several out-of-state printers are  
23 involved. The flyers which I prepared like you  
24 have examples of there, the art work would have  
25 been done, I think, on almost every case by

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4 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
5 IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

6 SLADE GORTON, ATTORNEY )  
7 GENERAL, )

8 Plaintiff, )

9 v. )

10 ATLANTIC SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, )  
11 PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, )  
12 ADMISSIONS COUNSELING SERVICE, )  
13 ARCHILLE O. BOURQUE, JOHN AND )  
14 JANE DOES ONE through FIVE, )

15 Defendants. )

80-2-11288-1

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS

16 A lawsuit has been started against you in the above  
17 entitled court by Slade Gorton, Attorney General, plaintiff.  
18 Plaintiff's claim is stated in the written complaint, a copy of  
19 which is served upon you with this summons.

20 In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must  
21 respond to the complaint by stating your defense in writing, and  
22 serve a copy upon the undersigned attorney for the plaintiff  
23 within 20 days after the service of this summons, excluding the  
24 day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you  
25 without notice. A default judgment is one where plaintiff is  
26 entitled to what is asked for because you have not responded. If  
27 you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned attorney, you  
28 are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

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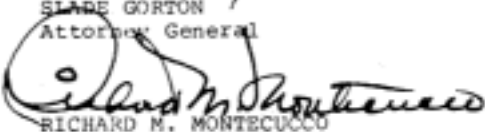
1           You may demand that the plaintiff file this lawsuit  
2 with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and  
3 must be served upon the plaintiff. Within 14 days after you serve  
4 the demand, the plaintiff must file this lawsuit with the court,  
5 or the service on you of this summons and complaint will be void.

6           If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this  
7 matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response,  
8 if any, may be served on time.

9           This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Super-  
10 rior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

11           DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1980.

12                           SLADE GORTON  
13                           Attorney General

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15                           RICHARD M. MONTECUCCO  
16                           Assistant Attorney General  
17                           Attorneys for Plaintiff

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IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

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GENERAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

ATLANTIC SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY,  
PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,  
ADMISSIONS COUNSELING SERVICE,  
ARCHILLE O. BOURQUE, JOHN AND  
JANE DOES ONE through FIVE,

Defendants.

NO. **80-2-11288-1**

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE  
RELIEF AND DAMAGES

COMES NOW the Attorney General of the State of  
Washington and alleges as follows:

I.

That the legislature of the State of Washington  
passed the Educational Services Registration Act which became  
effective January 1, 1980. This act requires any degree-granting  
institution which is not otherwise exempt to be registered and  
to meet the standards and qualifications as set forth in that  
act for it to continue to operate in the State of Washington.

II.

That the named educational institutions set forth as  
defendants herein do not meet the exemptions of the act and are

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1 in fact "degree mills" which provide educational credentials  
2 and degrees by mail without classes, study or examinations, as  
3 more descriptively set forth in their advertising which is  
4 attached to this complaint as Exhibits A, B and C.

5 III.

6 That on May 19, 1980, the Washington State Council  
7 for Postsecondary Education contacted Admissions Counseling  
8 Service, P.O. Box 25195, Northgate Station, Seattle, Washington  
9 98125, requesting registration under the act and received a re-  
10 sponse dated May 27, 1980, that the activities of the organiza-  
11 tion do not constitute operation of an educational institution  
12 under the provisions of the act.

13 IV.

14 That the defendants have operated at various times in  
15 the State of Washington and at various locations and under various  
16 names. It appears that the defendants have operated under the  
17 following titles and addresses:

18 Atlantic Southern Enterprises  
19 P. O. Box 197  
Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98040;

20 Admission Counseling Service  
21 P. O. Box 25195  
Northgate Station  
22 Seattle, Washington 98125;

23 Lin-Taj Graphics  
24 401 Elliot West  
Seattle, Washington 98119;

25 John Doe  
26 17962 Midvale Boulevard North  
Seattle, Washington 98133;

27 Mail Order Sales  
28 2420 First Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98121; and

29 Mr. Archille Bourque  
30 2420 First Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98121.

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## V.

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2 That defendant Archille O. Bourque and certain other  
3 persons currently unknown appear to be directly involved in  
4 operating the activities described above. The specific activities  
5 of the defendants include offering college and university diplomas  
6 simply by payment of a fixed fee without the necessity of attend-  
7 ing classes, enrolling, study or taking examinations.

8 The total cost for a bachelor's diploma including a  
9 transcript is \$85.00. This can be a bachelor of arts, bachelor  
10 of fine arts, or bachelor of science.

11 The full cost of each master's diploma including a  
12 transcript is \$140.00 and includes a master of accounting, arts,  
13 business administration, fine arts, library science, public  
14 administration, science, science and engineering, and social  
15 science.

16 The full cost of each doctor's diploma is \$195.00,  
17 which includes an official transcript. This would include a  
18 doctor of business administration, education, engineering, li-  
19 brary science, philosophy, public administration, and social  
20 science.

## VI.

21  
22 That the defendants also advertise that:

23 "A transcript is a copy of your official  
24 college record as maintained by the  
25 university. To be certified as valid the  
26 transcript must be signed by an official  
27 of the university and embossed with the  
28 university seal. Transcripts are usually  
29 requested by employers and other colleges  
30 to verify the accuracy of your diploma.

31 "For a \$5.00 charge PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN  
32 will send a certified copy of your  
transcript to whomever you choose . . . ."

## VII.

31 That the activities of the defendants constitute a  
32 violation of the Education Services Registration Act which

1 prohibits the granting of false or misleading educational  
2 credentials and also specifically violates RCW 28B.05.150 which  
3 subjects individuals and organizations violating the act to a  
4 civil penalty of not more than \$3,000 for each separate viola-  
5 tion and that each day on which a violation occurs constitutes  
6 a separate violation.

7 VIII.

8 Such activities also constitute a violation of the  
9 state Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86.020 as declared by  
10 RCW 28B.05.230 of the Educational Services Registration Act.

11 WHEREFORE THE PLAINTIFF PRAYS AS FOLLOWS:

12 I.

13 That the court enter a temporary restraining order  
14 immediately restraining the defendants from operating in the  
15 State of Washington.

16 II.

17 That thereafter and not later than ten days the court  
18 enter a preliminary injunction which will remain in force and  
19 effect until a hearing and trial can determine the actual  
20 disposition to be made by the court.

21 III.

22 That the court enter a final permanent injunction  
23 enjoining the defendants from otherwise carrying on the activities  
24 described in this complaint as being in violation of chapter  
25 28B.05 RCW and chapter 19.86 RCW.

26 IV.

27 That the full civil penalties set forth in RCW 28B-  
28 .05.150 and as set forth in RCW 19.86.140 be assessed in full as  
29 against all defendants found to be participating in the activi-  
30 ties described herein.

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Complaint - 4


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That the court grant the plaintiff its costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees herein and that the court grant such other and further relief as it may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

DATED this 24th day of July, 1980.

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1 provided "educational credentials and degrees by mail without  
2 classes, study or examinations." These answering defendants do  
3 not presently know the source of the advertising attached to the  
4 complaint and labeled Exhibits A, B and C, and therefore, deny  
5 the authenticity of the same and request the plaintiff to prove  
6 the same.

7 3. These answering defendants admit that on or about May  
8 19, 1980 the Washington State Council for Post-Secondary Education  
9 contacted Admissions Counseling Service. These defendants like-  
10 wise admit that the activities of Admissions Counseling Service  
11 do not constitute operation of an educational institution under  
12 the provisions of the Act.

13 4. These answering defendants deny that they have done  
14 business in any way affecting residents of the State of Washington,  
15 although they admit that mailing addresses and business names for  
16 defendants Borque, Atlantic Southern Enterprises, and Admissions  
17 Counseling Service were established as indicated in paragraph IV  
18 in the plaintiff's complaint. These answering defendants deny  
19 that they have had responsibility for the businesses identified  
20 as Lin-Taj Graphics and John Doe in paragraph IV of said complaint.

21 5. These answering defendants admit that from time to time  
22 one or more of them have offered and sold to persons outside the  
23 State of Washington novelty diplomas and transcripts for a fixed  
24 fee. No such offering or sale has occurred within the State of  
25 Washington, nor has any such sale or offering occurred to residents  
26 of the State of Washington within the knowledge of these defendants.  
27 The terms and conditions upon the sale of such novelty items have  
28 varied from time to time, and, therefore, these answering defen-  
29 dants deny the specific allegations in paragraph V of the plain-  
30 tiff's complaint as to such details.

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32 Answer, Affirmative Defenses,  
and Counterclaim - 2

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1           6. These answering defendants admit that part of their  
2 advertising included the text quoted out of context by paragraph  
3 VI of the complaint. The whole context of such advertising  
4 included disclaimers of accreditation, and warnings to customers  
5 that the novelty items were for personal use and satisfaction  
6 only, and not bona fide academic creditals.

7           7. These answering defendants deny each and every allega-  
8 tion in paragraph VII of the complaint.

9           8. These answering defendants deny each and every allega-  
10 tion in paragraph VIII of the complaint.

11           **As and for affirmative defenses to the complaint of plaintiff,**  
12 **these answering defendants allege the following:**

13           1. The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief  
14 can be granted.

15           2. Venue is improper in this court.

16           3. This court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the  
17 claims stated in the complaint because these answering defendants  
18 at no time offered or sold any of the items at issue in this  
19 action to residents of the State of Washington or to parties  
20 passing through the State of Washington.

21           4. The Educational Services Registration Act is uncon-  
22 **stitutional on its face** in that it **unlawfully delegates** legislative  
23 authority to the administrative agency charged with its enforcement.  
24 The regulations and laws pursuant to which these answering defen-  
25 dants are charged are therefore void and unenforceable.

26           5. The Educational Services Registration Act **is unconsti-**  
27 **tutional on its face** and as sought to be applied by the plaintiff  
28 in this action in that it is unconstitutionally vague, deceptive,  
29 and incapable of determining the standard by which one's conduct  
30 may be judged in attempting to sell or distribute the novelty  
31 items at issue in this action.

32 Answer, Affirmative Defenses,  
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1           6. The Educational Services Registration Act does not  
2 apply to the conduct of defendants in this action because their  
3 entire business conduct involved the sale and offering for sale  
4 of the novelty items at issue in this case to residents of states  
5 other than Washington. To the best knowledge of these answering  
6 defendants, no such sale or offers of sales were made to residents  
7 of the State of Washington or within the State of Washington.

8           7. The business of defendants constituted the business of  
9 promoting and selling novelty diplomas and transcripts through  
10 the use of mail order procedures. Enforcement of the Educational  
11 Services Registration Act as sought by the plaintiff in this  
12 action constitutes an unreasonable, and therefore unconstitutional  
13 burden upon interstate commerce prohibited by the Constitution of  
14 the United States of America.

15           8. These answering defendants lack information or belief  
16 sufficient to know the legal standing and capacity of the plaintiff,  
17 Slade Gorton, to bring this action, and therefore deny the same,  
18 and require plaintiff to prove he has the legal capacity to bring  
19 this action.

20           9. Neither plaintiff nor any resident of the State of  
21 Washington has suffered any injury as a result of the business  
22 transactions at issue in this case.

23           The defendants state the following as and for a counterclaim  
24 against the plaintiff:

25           1. Defendants Bourque, Atlantic Southern University,  
26 Pacific Northwestern University, Admissions Counseling Service,  
27 and other similar businesses operated by defendants were, until  
28 the summons and complaint were filed herein, operating a mail  
29 order business by which they offered and sold to persons residing  
30 in other states novelty diplomas and transcripts. To the best of  
31 these defendants' knowledge and information, at all times they

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1 complied with relevant state and federal regulations, and the  
2 businesses were legitimate, bona fide business enterprises in  
3 which citizens of the United States of America have a legal right  
4 to engage in until proven otherwise.

5 2. The form and style of the businesses run by defendant  
6 Bourque were proprietorships. He was the sole owner and proprietor  
7 of such businesses. All costs and damages resulting from this  
8 action have been suffered by him and the marital community com-  
9 posed of him and his wife.

10 3. Plaintiff obtained its injunction on or about July 25,  
11 1980 prohibiting the defendant from engaging in the mail order  
12 businesses at issue in this action, without any prior notice,  
13 warning, or discussion with defendants of its concern about their  
14 businesses. Defendants obeyed such temporary restraining order,  
15 however, and terminated the businesses in question. As a direct  
16 and proximate result of their decision to terminate such busi-  
17 nesses, Mr. Bourque is and will be required to refund as much as  
18 \$16,000.00 to customers of the businesses who had placed orders  
19 and made advance payments for them. Plaintiff is in the process  
20 of verifying and processing claims to determine the exact extent  
21 to which such reimbursement will be made by him to his customers.

22 4. In addition, as a direct and proximate result of having  
23 been forced by the temporary restraining order in this action to  
24 discontinue the businesses in question, plaintiff has suffered  
25 damages consisting of lost profits, lost revenues, and other  
26 items of loss, including the expenses necessary to terminate such  
27 businesses, and to defend this action. In addition, by forcing  
28 him to discontinue such businesses, plaintiff has placed defendant  
29 in jeopardy versus his customers who may have legal rights to  
30 strict performance of their claims for goods offered to them by  
31 defendants.

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## MRS. DEE JAY NELSON TALKS ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S PHONY DEGREE AND THE MORMONS

Accurate and comprehensive notes were taken of a telephone conversation to Mrs. Nelson in Billings, Montana. She discussed her husband's phony degree, and the Mormons.

Mrs. Nelson stated:

- The doctorate deal was a put-up job by the Mormons. He (Nelson) believed everything they said.
- Nelson was told that, because of the books he had written on the Book of Abraham, the school would like to have him come and take some classes . . . and he could earn a doctorate degree for professional acumen.
- It was a **put-up job** by the Mormons like "Mission Impossible" on television.
- **It was not like where you spend \$25 and write in for a diploma. It was not that sort of thing. He (Nelson) went to classes in a rented office building, heard interesting lectures, had to do classwork, and did one of his books as the thesis for graduation (see p. 12).**
- We are not going to lecture against the Mormon church anymore. There are fanatics (in the Mormon church) who believe in blood atonement . . . we are scared . . . we don't want to be killed.
- Dee Jay was commissioned to do a translation as shown by his being given copies of the papyri.

### TRANSCRIPT OF PART OF MRS. NELSON'S CONVERSATION

The following are the transcribed notes of part of the telephone conversation between the author and Mrs. Nelson:

**AUTHOR:** Did he study anywhere else?

**MRS. N:** He has studied his entire life, everywhere he has been. The deal about the so-called doctorate we discovered was a put-up job that the Mormons pulled on him and he believed it. He believed everything they said. It was like one of those deals he had heard about on television.

**AUTHOR:** Now, I don't know anything about this — now what are you saying — what is this put-up deal thing?

MRS. N: Well, some people approached him saying “Now, we have read your books”, speaking of the little books about the Book of Abraham, and they were very flattering and so complimentary and just so delighted with him and said, “For these books, we would like to have you come and take some classes in a little college, I don’t remember the name of it, but on the coast — and that he could have a doctorate degree from the little college for what they — what do they call it — **professional acumen**. Now, this is a perfectly legitimate thing. We’ve read about it and heard about it, and the only thing that was a little strange was that they said, “We are not yet accredited”.

AUTHOR: Oh, the college approached him?

MRS. N: Yes. They said they had read his books and were very impressed.

AUTHOR: Now, was this college run by the Mormons?

MRS. N: We didn’t think so or know about it at the time. It wasn’t even a real college — it was just a put-up job, something like you would see on Mission Impossible — it was unbelievable. Because we have checked back and tried to get the names of teachers and all this and that and there is no record whatsoever. The darn thing was a put-up job. They did it way ahead of time so that they could discredit him whenever they wanted to.

AUTHOR: So, in other words, the Mormons owned the college?

MRS. N: We didn’t think so, or know about it. They didn’t tell us there was no college to own — it was a whole put-up job. They had all their documents forged and everything just looked great and so real. Now, they did say it wasn’t accredited, and we did know that at the time. **But he accepted them at face value and he did go to classes there. This was nothing where you spend \$25 and write in for a diploma** (see p. 12). It was not that sort of thing. He took classes from them. They said, “We can’t take you to the campus, as it is brand new and hasn’t been finished yet. **So they rented a building, a room, in a regular office building and they had other people there — students — and really interesting lectures for them to attend and they had to do classwork** and he did one of his books as the thesis for graduation. And we believed all this completely — we knew the college was not yet accredited. But we thought it was for real and we were absolutely astounded when we started this lecture tour that you heard, and the Mormons started bearing down on: “You are not a Doctor.” How did they know if they hadn’t set it up? We didn’t know because we thought it was real so we had . . .

Dee Jay has put the one thorn in their side that is absolutely

MRS. N: irrefutable by his honest translation which other Egyptologists have said is true what Dee Jay says and they had to silence him and if this doesn't work I really and truly — now don't quote me on this — I really and truly believe there are still some fanatics who believe in blood atonement which means that if someone high up in the church says go kill that man, they go and do it. And we are not touching this with a ten foot pole from now on 'cause we're scared.

AUTHOR: (Mrs. Nelson had just said she had not given anyone permission to put anything about Dee Jay in the paper and she was upset because she said they were just stirring everything up.) You know, I wonder why they put this in the paper then. Because all they do is stir it up.

MRS. N: Who put it in?

AUTHOR: Concerned Christians.

MRS. N: They don't care what happens to us — really.

AUTHOR: Well, how was he commissioned? Just for the heck of it, how do you commission somebody — do you ask them in a letter or something?

MRS. N: **No, there was no letter** — he went to the man's office and the man said, "Dee Jay, will you please do this? We will give you photographs of the papyrus."

AUTHOR: And, so, that was his commission?

MRS. N: What more could you ask? I don't know — it's all news to me. We're just not having anything more to do with it. I'm very sorry to hear it's getting stirred up again.

Thus ends the scenario of Pacific Northwestern College where Dee Jay Nelson received his B.S. in Biology and his Ph. D. in Anthropology.

**Ph.D. — (Field Not Given)**  
from  
**ORIENTAL INSTITUTE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

Dee Jay Nelson stated on the Mike Dixon Talk Show, on K.O.Y. (a Phoenix, Arizona, radio station) on February 20, 1980, that he received his Ph.D. degree from the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. This is his second Ph.D. the first one, from Pacific Northwestern University, was shown to be a worthless degree purchased from a “diploma mill”. What about his second degree from the noted Oriental Institute? (As if one Ph.D. isn’t enough!)

A partial transcript of the Mike Dixon Talk Show will follow these comments. There are several errors that should be called to the reader’s attention before reading the transcript:

- Nelson is referred to as “Doctor Dee Jay Nelson.” However, **Nelson has no valid degree of any kind.**
- Nelson states that he took some of his studies at Northwestern University and received his degree from the Oriental Institute. He apparently forgot he has elsewhere said he received a Ph.D. degree from Pacific Northwestern University — not merely took “some studies” there. (**And how can you take studies from a mail order diploma mill that advertises no classes, no studying, no exams, etc.?**) If he meant Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill. (a suburb of Chicago), he has never been enrolled there. The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago has no record of him either.
- Nelson again reiterates his “commission by the LDS church” to translate the Joseph Smith papyri. **He was never commissioned to do anything** (see chapter 7). After reviewing Nelson’s credentials, you will certainly understand why!
- Nelson urged the caller (this author’s wife) to call Lori Keck (real name) to check and see if he is a professor at Rocky Mountain College as he claims. What brass! He must have counted on the caller figuring that he would never say that if it wasn’t true! However, the caller did check and found that **Nelson was not a professor there** (see chapter 3).
- Jim Robertson, chairman and founder of the Concerned Christians group in Mesa, Arizona, called in to say that he had Nelson’s credentials checked and **“I can assure you that the**



credentials he has espoused are certainly true." If Robertson knew about Nelson's credentials, why then didn't he expose Nelson — was he trying to cover up for him?

Robertson states that there was a large article in the newspaper of Dee Jay Nelson being given the papyri by the Mormon church for the purpose of making an official translation. **Let him produce the article!**

Jim Robertson said he was a "**Mormon Bishop**" at the time "Dee Jay was commissioned by the LDS church to translate." That must have sounded very impressive to the audience! Here is a former Mormon Bishop that saw the light! However, Jim Robertson never was a Mormon Bishop — he was a convert of only a few years and was only an assistant to the Branch President in a small branch (a unit of the church much smaller than a ward) in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Robertson has often repeated his claim to have been a former Mormon Bishop. Consider the following letter written by the brother of the Editor of this book.

**See page 35 for Robertson's direct quote as to his being a Bishop.**

PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
MARCH 11, 1981

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am not a Mormon, and was a member of Concerned Christians, Inc., of Phoenix, Arizona--a branch of the organization founded by Jim Robertson, Mesa, Arizona.

I have on several occasions heard Mr. Robertson say that he had been a former Mormon Bishop. My sister, who is a Mormon, found out that he had never been a Mormon Bishop and challenged me to call him and ask him where he had been Bishop. When I called him, Mr. Robertson told me that he didn't ever say he had been a Bishop; he had really been the Branch President.

After the conversation, my sister told me that Mr. Robertson had never been the Branch President and asked me to call him again, confront him, and tell him that my sister said he had never been the Branch President. I called him back and he then told me that he didn't say that he was the Branch President; he said that he had been in the Branch Presidency. (He emphasized the "cy".)

The conversations were taped and my sister and I listened to the tape. He did say on the tape that he had been the Branch President.

I reported this discrepancy to several other members of our little branch of Concerned Christians. We tried for several weeks to gain an audience with Mr. Robertson to give him a chance to explain why he had lied. The meeting has been postponed several times and we have been, to date, unsuccessful in obtaining such audience with Mr. Robertson.

Sincerely,



Jens P. Beckstead

**TRANSCRIPT OF PART OF THE MIKE DIXON TALK SHOW**

**INTRODUCTION BY MIKE DIXON:** Frank Baronowski asked me if I would like to have a dynamite guest on my show. Of course I would. Frank said, about things Egyptian? I said, Yes, I do. I saw Tut you know. Frank said, I have the man for you. That man is **Dr. Dee Jay Nelson**. He will be in town. Would you be interested? I (Mike) said, you bet, so we are fortunate enough to bring this gentleman in and fortunately enough, his appearance was scheduled following all of the horrendous things that have been happening in the valley (floods, etc.) and so we did not have to cancel him . . . We have had to cancel some other guests. He is here, very much alive and with us. **Dr. Dee Jay Nelson**, welcome to the program. It's very nice to have you here.

**NELSON:** It's a pleasure to be here.

**MIKE:** I'm intrigued . . . I think we all have a basic fascination with the Egyptians . . . They chatted about Egypt . . . Pyramids . . . sphinx, etc. . . . Cradle of our society . . . Western world has grown from them . . .

**MIKE:** How did you get started in study of Egypt?

**NELSON:** When I was a young man, I used to study these pictures in library books. I wanted to read. Father sent me to the Monastery of St. George in Palestine, as a stow-away on a ship. I missed the ship coming back and stayed there. I got to know a wonderful old gentleman by the name of Father Vestpo Iliad, Rector of that monastery. He could curse the Devil in sixteen ancient languages, but could not say pass the salt in English. I was then drafted into the service — and later obtained a Medical discharge. I went back and studied under Zacharia Gnoeim, Curator of the Acropolis at Ancient Memphis. They chatted about the Greeks who learned from Egypt . . . Smartest Egyptian was in the older period about 3000 B.C. to 2000 B.C. during the pyramid period . . . Older papyri have more science and less magic . . . Chatted about intermarriage . . . female carried the ruling right but man ruled.

Now Mike said that the telephone line was open and anyone could call in and ask questions — 258-8181.

**CALLER:** I would like to know where he received his Ph.D. from?

**NELSON:** My Ph.D. degree?

**CALLER:** Yes.

NELSON: **Well, I took some of my studies at Northwestern University and was given my Ph.D. from the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago.**

CALLER: Were you on the staff at B.Y.U.?

NELSON: No, I never was.

CALLER: Were you ever commissioned by the Church to translate any fragments of scrolls.

NELSON: Yes, I was. Dr. or Mr. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency asked me if I would do a translation . . .

CALLER: What if I told you I had a telegram from Pres. N. Eldon Tanner that he didn't commission you to do that?

NELSON: He has denied it repeatedly, but it's not true. As a matter of fact, he denied that I had ever been in his office. But when pressed by an eastern elder, an eastern reverend, he came up with my business card and a letter that had been hand delivered by me from Hugh Nibley. That's not a bit surprising.

CALLER: You are a professor at a University now?

NELSON: I teach a popular course at the Rocky Mountain College.

CALLER: What if I told you that we had contacted Rocky Mountain College and they said that you were not a professor there.

NELSON: You can contact Lori Keck of the New Horizons Department and you will find otherwise. You haven't contacted them I don't believe, have you?

CALLER: **You are a Ph.D.?**

NELSON: **Yes, my Ph.D. is in Anthropology . . .**

Later, Jim Robertson of Mesa Concerned Christians, Inc., phoned in . . .

JIM: Mike, in defense of Dr. Nelson and also for edification of your own purposes, Concerned Christians sponsored Dee Jay to come to the valley, or was one of the sponsors, to have him speak at the Church of the Redeemer, and Central Christian Friday night, **and we did check his credentials out before he came because we knew him by reputation, although we did not know him by his credentials.**

NELSON: (in the background) **Thank you, I'm glad of that!**

JIM: **I can assure you that the credentials he has espoused are certainly true.** If anybody heard his talk last night (Tuesday) or this coming Friday night at Central Christian, they will certainly understand with

his . . . The things that he brings, the mummies, and the artifacts that he brings from Egypt, you could certainly understand and appreciate that he is that he is.

MIKE: Very well . . . Thank you for that . . . I appreciate that, and do you have a question for him in addition?

JIM: No, . . . I guess I would like to know in a little more detail what he plans to cover Friday night.

NELSON: I talked about my translation of the Book of Abraham papyri last night and then I'll cover the topic tomorrow night of an Egyptologist takes a look at the Book of Mormon and the Anthon Transcript, **I had mentioned at the start that I am less an expert on that**, but still there are interesting things that need to be aired.

JIM: Mike, I might also add that back in 1968 when Dee Jay was commissioned by the LDS church to translate, that I was a **Mormon Bishop** at the time and there was a large article in the newspaper of the translation, or of the papyri being given to Dee Jay Nelson for the translation, the official translation for the Church. So, I don't know where that lady that called in a while ago is coming from, but her vicious and insinuating attack was certainly not appreciated by us out here.

### A Ph.D. FROM THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE?

The following account is of this author's investigation of Dee Jay Nelson's Ph.D. degree from the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

I was really impressed to hear that his degree came from the Oriental Institute, which is one of the very best. I couldn't wait until morning so I could check that out.

I called the number of the Director at the Oriental Institute and the secretary answered. I told her that I was checking the credentials of one, Dee Jay Nelson, who claimed a Ph.D. from the Institute. She told me to wait a minute and she would see if Dr. Klaus Baer was in the next room, for he was the one I should talk to. Dr. Baer is an internationally known Egyptologist — I felt that I had really hit the jackpot. The secretary returned and said that Dr. Baer was not in his office and transferred me to the Records Department. Sharon, in Records, looked up Nelson by name and home town and discovered that Dee Jay Nelson had never attended the Oriental Institute, not even for a single course. I was then transferred to the Registrar's office and found that Nelson had never been registered and was

never issued a degree of any kind. We also checked with the Alumni office and found nothing.

I was very happy with the results of that phone call. Nelson had never attended the Oriental Institute. Later on, Rosemary, my wife, called me and said that I had just had a long distance call from Dr. Klaus Baer of the Oriental Institute and he had left his home number and wanted me to call him that afternoon. I was really surprised and impressed that he would go to the trouble to call me and leave his home number.

In Nelson's lecture, he mentioned Dr. Baer several times and left the impression that they were good friends and co-workers. I called Dr. Baer and mentioned that I was checking Nelson's credentials and that he claimed a Ph.D. from the Oriental Institute. Dr. Baer said that he had been on the faculty at the Institute since 1965, and he knew that Nelson had never attended during that time. Dr. Baer had also checked all the records that day and found that Nelson was never a student, nor an alumni, and although the University of Chicago grants degrees, the Oriental Institute does not (but may in the future). Dr. Baer had never met the man. However, in 1968, Nelson had sent Dr. Baer his translation of The Joseph Smith Papyri and had asked for his comments. He also included his resume. In that resume, there was no mention of ever attending the Oriental Institute.

Subsequently, Dr. Baer sent the letter appearing on the following two pages. Permission was granted by Dr. Baer to publish most of the letter. Several items of interest can be pointed out from Dr. Baer's letter:

- Item #1 — Nelson never studied Egyptology at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.
- Item #2 — Nelson's biographical statement submitted to Dr. Baer many years ago does not contain very many statements that can be checked.
- Item #3 and #4 — Dr. Baer thinks it quite unlikely that Nelson was commissioned to work on the papyri by Mormon authorities. Dr. Baer gives Nelson credit for having a good amateur background in Egyptian. However, Item #4 indicates that he helped Nelson translate Hieratic characters in three of Nelson's pamphlets. Could Nelson make a translation without the help of professionals like Dr. Baer?
- Item #5 — This is in response to comments circulated by Jim Robertson, Chairman of Concerned Christians, Mesa, Arizona, in which he indicated that Dr. Baer, Nelson, and Dr. Nibley had been invited to debate, and Dr. Nibley had refused. When this author contacted Dr. Nibley, he said that he didn't know anything about it. Dr. Baer didn't know anything about it either.

To summarize this section, however, it can be said that Dee Jay Nelson did not receive any degree from the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.

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3155 EAST FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET

22 October 1980

Mrs. Rosemary Brown

Mesa, Arizona 85203

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting down on paper the information you requested in regard to Mr. Dee Jay Nelson. I will try to restrict this to matter that I have some direct knowledge of:

(1) Mr. Nelson never studied Egyptology at the University of Chicago. The Records and Research Department of the Alumni Office assures me that no Dee Jay Nelson ever obtained a degree of any kind from this University, which seems to confirm what Mr. Robert L. Brown (your husband?) found out from the Registrar's office: that no one of that name ever enrolled here as a student. I cannot, of course, say whether he could have studied here under another name. During my years in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and the Oriental Institute (student in 1948/52, 1954/58, member of faculty from 1965, chairman of the Department 1972/75) there certainly was no one here of that name or, for that matter, anyone who looks like the publicity photograph of his that I have (around 1968).

(2) The biographical statement that his manager was circulating in 1968 confirms my suspicions that he never studied here. It does not contain too many statements regarding his Egyptological background that can be checked (Mohammed Zakaria Ghoneim had passed away by 1968), but note that he made no claims at that time to have studied at or obtained a degree from Chicago or any other university. I am quite sure that he did not study here between 1968 and the present.

(3) I am quite prepared to believe that he has been to Egypt and has spent some time there. He has certainly devoted some effort to learning Egyptian, of which he has a good amateur knowledge (let's say at the level of a solid undergraduate major). I have copies of three of the pamphlets that he published at the Modern Microfilm Company (JOSEPH SMITH'S "EYE OF RA"; THE JOSEPH SMITH PAPYRI - A TRANSLATION AND PRELIMINARY SURVEY; THE JOSEPH SMITH PAPYRI, Part 2). All of these appeared in 1968. My evaluation of his competence in Egyptian is largely based on these. By the way, considering the auspices under which the pamphlets appeared, I think it unlikely that he was commissioned to work on the papyri by the Mormon authorities.

(4) At about that time, I had been asked by DIALOGUE for a translation of the papyrus that I called the "Breathing Permit of Hôr" (i.e. Jos. Smith. Pap. No. I, XI, X, pieces now mounted with IV but originally with XI and X where they belonged, and the lost original of "Facsimile no. 3" in the "Book of Abraham"). A certain amount of correspondence resulted with others who had been working on the Joseph Smith papyri, including Jerald Tanner and Grant Heward, and they apparently suggested that Nelson get in touch with me. He wrote me on 19 August 1968 and included drawings for his pamphlet on the "Eye of Ra". I replied on August 22 with some general comments and annotations and corrections on the drawings (mostly dealing with the transcription of the Hieratic cha-

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acters into hieroglyphs). There was some more correspondence during the remainder of 1968 regarding his next two pamphlets, again mainly concerned with the reading of the Hieratic; this was acknowledged, e.g. in "Appendix 2" of THE JOSEPH SMITH PAPYRI, Part 2. Since then there has been no contact between us. I have never met him.

(4) One might comment on some of the statements in the biography, but this is not the place to do so.

(5) I am not aware of any invitation to come down to Arizona or anywhere else to debate Mr. Nelson, and there is certainly nothing to that effect anywhere in my correspondence files. Nor do I think that there is much to be gained by such a debate. The questions at issue are not, after all, the precise translation of a passage in the Joseph Smith Papyri (where I might be able to contribute something) but matters dealing with theology that are outside my professional competence and the truth or falsehood of an individual's statements regarding his personal activities where I cannot, in most cases, comment on the basis of first-hand information.

(6) Since my health has unfortunately come to be dragged into the whole business: I had a major but silent heart attack some years ago and came down with diabetes that also was not caught at check-ups. The result was severe cardio-vascular damage that led to a major heart attack in May 1979, congestive heart failure and renewed hospitalization in July, open heart surgery (aneurysmectomy and coronary bypass) in August. Everything seems to be more or less under control at the moment, but the bypass failed, and I was hospitalized for tests in August 1980; fortunately it turned out that nothing requiring major treatment had developed, and I was released after five days. To complicate matters, my father passed away a year ago, and while I went back to work in January, last year has not been a particularly good one - which is offered as a partial excuse for the delay in writing.

(7) Letters written on topics dealing with the Mormon Church have a tendency to get duplicated, distributed and eventually printed, often in the form of sentences taken out of context. I would appreciate it if any plans to publish parts or all of this letter were cleared with me first.

I hope that this will be of help.

Sincerely yours,



Klaus Beer  
Professor of Egyptology

**M.S. — EGYPTOLOGY**  
**FROM**  
**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA — BERKELEY**

A telephone call to the Registrar at the University of California at Berkeley brought the response that Nelson had never been enrolled there either:

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OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS

November 5, 1980

In response to your inquiry of October 27, 1980, we wish to inform you that from the information given, we are unable to identify the name, DEE JAY NELSON, in the list of students who have ever attended the University of California, Berkeley, in regular or summer session. Should the applicant be able to provide additional information pertaining to a claim of attendance at this campus of the University, we would be glad to make a further check of our files.

It should be pointed out that this office does not maintain records for courses offered by the University Extension. If upon further investigation you find that enrollment at the University was solely in Extension classes or correspondence courses, you should request verification from the Recorder, University Extension, Berkeley, California, 94720. The University Extension does not grant degrees for work completed under its jurisdiction. If a student has been in attendance at any campus of the University other than Berkeley, you should write directly to the Registrar of that campus for information.

*Robert L. Bailey*  
 Robert L. Bailey, Director  
 Office of Admissions and Records

Per: SM



RLB/pt

Unable to Identify



None of the Universities mentioned by Nelson have any record of his attendance. However, credit should be given for the education he has received. This last section will deal with Nelson's true educational credentials.

## BILLINGS HIGH SCHOOL

AND

## EASTERN MONTANA COLLEGE

Billings High School reports that Nelson attended high school for **2 years** and then joined the army. After the army, he studied for and received a G.E.D. (General Equivalency Degree). In December of 1946, for one month, he attended Eastern Montana College. He dropped out before the quarter ended, thereby receiving grades of **Withdrawal (W) and Incomplete (I)**.

Copies of Nelson's high school and college transcripts are shown on the following pages. **These are his formal educational credentials.**

### IN SUMMARY . . .

**Two years of high school are Nelson's true educational credentials. He is a high school and college drop out, not even coming close to all the degrees he espouses.**

The only "degree" Nelson ever received was from a now defunct diploma mill that was shut down by the Attorney General's Office of the State of Washington. Not knowing the evidence collected, Mrs. Nelson maintained that her husband was set up by the Mormons and that he had taken classes in an old rented office building, written a thesis, etc. She emphatically exclaimed that it wasn't the sort of thing where you buy your diploma!

Jim Robertson, Chairman of Concerned Christians of Mesa, Inc., who invited Dee Jay Nelson to lecture, and gave the introductions to Nelson's lectures, claimed on the Mike Dixon show to have checked Nelson's credentials and "can assure you that the credentials he has espoused are certainly true." **Robertson's credentials appear to be as true as Nelson's** — Robertson has claimed for years to have been a former Mormon Bishop and he wasn't. What in the world do you suppose they expect to gain by all these exaggerated claims?

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**Eastern Montana College**

BILLINGS, MONTANA 59101

Office of the Registrar

February 25, 1980

Robert L. Brown

[REDACTED]  
Mesa, Arizona 85203

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing in regard to your phone conversation of last week. Dee Jay Nelson was a student here in December of 1946. The classes taken were English, Math, Science and History.

If I can be of more assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Buen  
Transcript Clerk

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