

Degrees with no Brains

Two senior Townsville solicitors were recently discussing the demise of good manners and professional etiquette from the modern legal profession.

The more senior remarked: "We only have ourselves to blame for the way we have been mass producing solicitors in recent years. Thermometers aren't the only things with degrees and no brains you know!"

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Is there an English speaker in the house?

There was a young lawyer of Salisbury,
Whose manners were Halisbury-
Scalisbury,
He wandered round Hampshire,
Without any Pampshire,
Till the Judge compelled him to Walisbury

This limerick not only scans but is also mildly amusing when pronounced according to the English of the time. Those with an insufficient knowledge of the stupidities of our language will be enlightened next issue.

Excuses, Excuses & more Excuses.

A typological error is what used to be known as a spelling error.

P.K. Shaw

Arachnophobia?

Laws are spider webs that catch little flies, but cannot hold big ones.

Honoré de Balzac

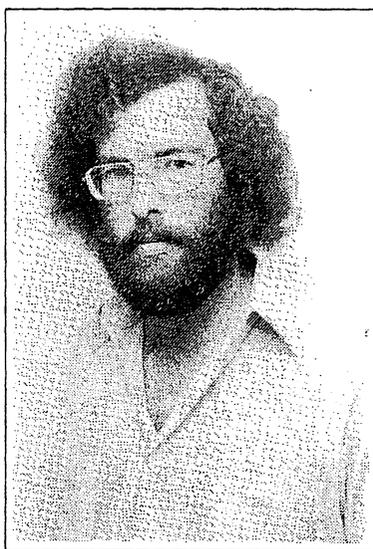
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Guess Who?



Escaped greenie? IRA reject? No, this is a well-known practitioner in Darwin. Any guesses?

Boring & Excellent?

A speaker at a recent business seminar drew range of responses including:

- has adequate knowledge, however, poor presenter
- incredibly boring
- sound not clear
- difficult to hear, longwinded, heavy going
- needs to be louder and shorter
- too quiet
- excellent

It makes you wonder if the last person was at the same seminar!

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Serving time

The shortest prison sentence in Hong Kong's history was handed down to a decorator involved in a food fight in a Kowloon restaurant. Judge Bailey sentenced Tsoi Kwan-chong to three minute in jail for waving a knife around and throwing luncheon meat during a brawl which started when a man threw a cup of tea at Tsoi.

"I'm glad that is over", said a bemused Tsoi after spending his sentence in the dock. "I hope I don't have any trouble adjusting to life on the outside".

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"F" begins the word...

Letter from "Anonymous Female Family Lawyer" to Law Society of SA's publication Bulletin on the use of the "f" word in front of women family lawyers:

"Fabulous females fortunately find figuratively-formulated F-words fairly futile.

Feeble Freudian fornication fantasies frighten few "fractured-family" fixers.

Fatuous fossils from far flung financial firms frequently frown fastidiously.

For fellows fearing flaccid failure fashion funny fetishes from forbidden fruit."

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Will the Limerick Lure?

A regular reader of *Balance*, Was questioning the depths of its relevance,

"Where's the gossip?" he cried

"Has your sense of fun died?"

Said the ed, "No, just a great dearth of dalliance!"

We could use some new stories for The Spider's Web and if gossip is what you want, send in your non-libellous contributions by phone, fax or mail.