

ANYONE OUT THERE?

Hello, is anyone out there?

The response to last month's appeal for membership had very little effect. We had about two new membership applications and one of those was not as a result of the article. One of the applicants was invited to become a member of the committee, which was graciously accepted. Her appointment needs to be ratified and once that has been done she will be introduced to you in next month's *Balance*.

This month I missed the deadline for *Balance* but as I offered to put my head on a platter, (which had been suggested would be penalty for any late submission*) this short, but hopefully sweet, submission was allowed. My tardiness was due in part to the fact that I had some difficulty in coming up with something which was worthy of your readership. With this in mind I am making a formal invitation to you to put forward your suggestions and

better still submit your articles to me for this segment in *Balance*.

Please note the following important dates in your calendar:

Law Week quiz afternoon

Venue: Shenannigans Irish Pub, Mitchell Street, Darwin

Date: Sunday, 13 May 2001 from 2.30pm

The support of the profession in attending the quiz afternoon will be greatly appreciated.

Judge's reception

Venue: Judge's Balcony Supreme Court

Date: Friday 15 June 2001 (time TBA)

Self defence class

The NT Women Lawyers will be hosting a self defence class for women during Law Week 2001.

* Whilst it is true that subtle threats are



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occasionally made to contributors u miss their deadline, it should also noted that sweet inducements a heaps of praise are also offered by u of encouragement. Balance would l it known that it refused the offer Jacqueline's head on a platter. prefer she keep it squarely on her h and thank her for her article. Ed.

DCLS QUIZ NIGHT AND AUCTION

Question: What is the word in the Macquarie dictionary which comes after lavatory but before laxative?

If you know the answer to this question then you should have been at the Darwin Community Legal Service Fundraising Quiz Night and Auction which was held in Saturday 26 March 2001.

About 160 people from the profession and afar came along to exercise their brain cells and have a good time for a great cause.

The night was a success and there were lots of laughs and prizes. The organisers were shocked and delighted by the ferocious competitiveness of the group. Needless to say, the appeals at \$20.00 a pop, were aplenty.

Thanks to Mark Hunter who did a great job as Master of Ceremonies and to the inquisitors, Justice Sally Thomas, David Loadman SM, Asha McLaren and Cassandra Goldie. Thanks also to



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our great volunteers Lorne Walker-Smith, Jodie MacKenzie and Jason Cowdery.

Special thanks to all the sponsors who gave generously. We'll see you all at the

next fundraising spectacular!

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(Answer: Lawyer)