

Your voice

Sick leave

I have to disagree with Phil Teece's suggestion that workers who retire or resign with unused sick leave should receive a partial pay-out [*inCite*, October 2003, p27]. Sick leave is an insurance against sickness, not an entitlement to extra pay. Most workers are honest about taking sick leave. Certainly it should accumulate from year to year to allow for a lengthy illness.

If a worker has been lucky enough to be healthy most of their working life then they do not need further rewards of payouts which the more unfortunate worker will not receive.

Pat Brosnan

HTML e-mails

Enjoyed Ivan Trundle's piece on HTML e-mails (*inCite*, September 2003, p22).

As someone who has worked hard over recent years to translate technical information for non-technical audiences, I particularly liked the quote

from Enrique Jardiel Poncela. It's spot on.

I agree with Ivan's general theme — e-mail for me is about communicating efficiently and succinctly — there are other ways to package more sophisticated/complex material. We do see quite a few problems with people being unable to open HTML formatted messages or seeing lots of HTML tags scattered through their documents.

By the way, where can I get one of those Powerbooks with the 21-foot screens?

Ian Wright, University of Ballarat

Ed: Ian wins our 'spot the typo' prize for the year. Alas, our automated 'global replace' function in our desktop publishing software strikes again. Rest assured, when 21-foot screens become commercially available, ALIANet will cater for this size — along with the slightly more common 21-inch screens.

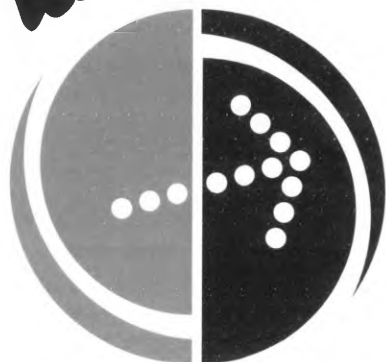
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