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As soon as computers  
began I started  
a private, hidden  
ombuds LISTSERV

I often forwarded  
notes from others  
to de-identify



ombuds malapropisms

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Date: 31 Oct 94 10:02:42  
From: ~~Bob\_Henry@DIR.VOA.GOV~~  
Subject: ombuds malapropisms  
To: ombud@MIT.EDU

How about OMNIBUDDY? It is a combination of Omnibus and Ombudsman -- given that we are typically involved in many and varied activities all at once.

Funny  
stories  
about  
our  
name



the wags are proliferating

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Date: Mon, 31 Oct 94 21:23:10  
From: mrowe@MIT.EDU (Mary Rowe)  
To: ombud@MIT.EDU  
Subject: the wags are proliferating

Here is one more----

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How about an ombudgogue who practices ombudgogy. You recognize  
ombudgoguism  
through the typical ombudgogic characteristics of the message.

(Is someone collecting these notes coming in?)



Date: Tue, 01 Nov 94 12:18:02  
From: mrowe@MIT.EDU (mary rowe)  
To: ombud@MIT.EDU  
Subject: november ombuds malapropisms

Here's a verb: OMBUMP, as in She ombumped across campus reeling from the news. A verb for less effective activity: OMBURP. And the ultimate in life: a state of OMBLISS, as in when you finally bring a case to a tidy resolution after long and trying times.

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It sounds too ombatty for words.

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doesn't OMBAT have a slightly heavy-handed connotation, too?

for when OMBUD gets exasperated?

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ombit == the ombud went to talk with the alleged offender

ombat == past tense of above

ombought == dead ombud ("I hear the ombudsman bought it last night from an agrieved visitor")

or == (sad thought) an ombudsperson on the take?



Date: Sun, 30 Oct 94 21:34:44  
From: mrowe@MIT.EDU (Mary Rowe)  
To: ombud@MIT.EDU  
Subject: ombuds malapropisms

How about OMBIRD, for the ombud who flies through her work at the required speed? As in "Is it a plane? Is it a bird? No, it's OMBIRD!" A sequel might be OMBIRDER: for the ombud who lurks with binocs or is perceived to be sneaking about, spying on others.



Date: Sun, 30 Oct 94 21:33:53  
From: mrowe@MIT.EDU (Mary Rowe)  
To: kates@EAGLE.MIT.EDU  
Subject: [OMBFJB@UWOADMIN.UWO.CA (Frances.Bauer ):  
ombuds malapropisms]

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Date: Mon 03 Oct 1994 09:38 EDT  
To: MROWE@MIT.EDU  
From: ~~OMBFJB@UWOADMIN.UWO.CA~~ (~~Frances.Bauer~~ )  
Subject: ombuds malapropisms  
In-Reply-To: The letter of Thursday, 29 September 1994 6:00pm EDT

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Date: Tue, 25 Oct 94 12:41:15  
From: mrowe@MIT.EDU (mary rowe)  
To: ombud@MIT.EDU  
Subject: Ombuds  
Malapropisms

"How many ombuds does it take to change a lightbulb?, Sorry, that's confidential."  
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"As you may know -- We keep no formal written records so I cannot tell you."  
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"We don't make the bulb change -- we offer options."

-- What are the options?

"Well, let's brainstorm -- life in Bali in the sun? Change the location of the desk? Use a candle? Build a fire? Install a long-life bulb? Learn Braille? Can you think of others?"



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Date: Mon, 31 Oct 94 15:37:16  
From: mrowe@MIT.EDU (mary rowe)  
To: ombud@MIT.EDU  
Subject: ombuds malapropisms

HERE ARE SOME MORE....

Ok, Mary, how about OMBAT, for those who work at night or for those considered to be "fly by night?" Or, maybe for those of us who seem to be in the dark a great deal?

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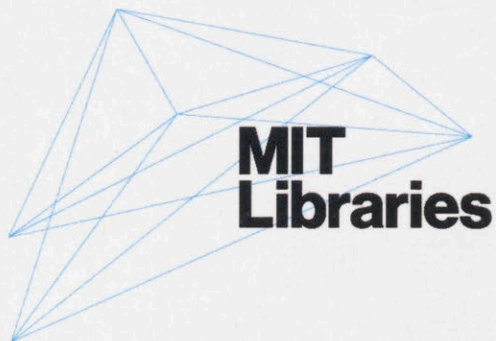


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Date: Mon, 31 Oct 94 17:15:19  
From: mrowe@MIT.EDU (mary rowe)  
To: ombud@MIT.EDU  
Subject: yes another....

"Ombitesman" -- one who bites off more than he/she can chew !!





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