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Men's rights campaigner Roy Den Hollander attacks *The Advertiser's* Tory Shepherd in bizarre legal writ filed in New York County

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ROY Den Hollander calls me a female-dog-in-heat reporter and a harpy, and says if feminists are hot, they can walk all over him in their stilettos.

Which isn't all that interesting in and of itself, except this is the guy who wanted to teach the men of South Australia about their position in the world.

After *The Advertiser* revealed UniSA was planning a course in men's studies that included men with links to US men's rights extremists, the course was canned.

Well, according to the university it was never formally approved, although there was a course list in existence and certainly Mr Den Hollander thinks he was in line to be paid \$1250 to lecture.

His subject was going to be about how the law discriminates against men and in favour of women.

See, Mr Den Hollander is a proudly "anti-feminist" lawyer with a fairly unsuccessful track record.

Most famously, he lost a court case where he tried to sue nightclubs for hosting ladies' nights – alleging they discriminated against men by giving women cheaper or free drinks or entry.

Now Mr Den Hollander is suing me (as the political editor of the "online newspaper *The Advertiser-Sunday-Mail-Messenger*) and Fairfax journalist Amy McNeilage from his home base of New York County.

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So this is now the subject of legal action – from the land where free speech is in the Constitution.

So I probably can't bang on too much. But Mr Den Hollander, representing himself, has penned a legal document (handed over to *The Advertiser* by a sheriff – who knew we had sheriffs?) that cannot remain between me and my lawyer. It's gold and genius like this should be shared.

So with no further ado, here are some lessons from Mr Den Hollander, who will not be paid to give lessons at UniSA:

Lesson 1: How to censor a journalist by accusing them of censorship.

"Two modern-day, book-burning, Bacchae reporters from down-under authored and published false and misleading information concerning Plaintiff (Den Hollander) with the intent and result of harming his economic interests and interfering with a prospective economic advantage by causing the University of SA to incinerate the section of a proposed male studies course that Plaintiff would have taught," he writes. But wait.

Lesson 2: How to personally attack a journalist by accusing them of personal attacks.

"The two reporters, Tory Shepherd, AKA "Tory the Torch" for *The Advertiser* and Amy McNeilage, AKA "Amy McNeuter" for *The Sydney Morning Herald*, used their power as reporters to do what weak-minded ideologues have done throughout history — employ personal attacks to prevent the spread of knowledge and ideas that they disagreed with."

Lesson 3: How to prove you are not an extremist by sounding like an extremist.

"If these two feminist book-burners had not jumped on their broomsticks and scared the bejesus out of the administrators of the University of SA, students there would have had an opportunity to acquire information and consider views not available anywhere else in higher education."

Brilliant, no?

Mr Den Hollander goes on to argue that the "psychological-bacchanalian frenzy" was "yellow, female-dog-in-heat reporting" that somehow created the impression that he was "evil and should figuratively, if not literally, have his tongue cut out". And questions where I "ever uttered a disparaging word about men when going through the trouble of maintaining blonde hair at (my) age". Whatever that means.

"Thank goodness for Australians that Tory was not around for Australia's battle against the Japanese. Her anti-gun advocacy for men might have even resulted in her and Amy ending up as Japanese 'comfort girls'," he writes.

He also talks of his concern that "alien wives and girlfriends" are making up phony abuse cases against men, and that men are being targeted by feminists because they were trying to escape said feminists by going overseas for girlfriends.

Guys don't get off scot-free, though – he also has a crack at "girlie-guys". In the men's rights vernacular, "girlie-guys" are usually known as "manginas". The terms refer to males who

believe in equality for women – in Mr Den Hollander’s words: “girlie-guys who hope that by being sycophants, they can avoid being hexed by the feminists”.

It’s at about this point that I start to wonder: Why on Earth give such a man more publicity?

But it’s important, I think, to remain aware and wary of people like Mr Den Hollander.

I suspect the people at UniSA who flirted with the idea of bringing him over to teach may not have really understood his philosophy.

I also wanted to use this opportunity to put on the public record that I may be a harpy, and somewhat bacchanalian, but I never, ever wear stilettos.