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Neeraj Mathur wrote:

> "Seán O'Leathlóbhair" <jwlawler@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:1137069654.532020.152110@xx
>>
>> Brian M. Scott wrote:
>>> On 12 Jan 2006 02:25:27 -0800, Seán O'Leathlóbhair wrote:
>>>> Universities cannot seem to agree on whether to give BAs
>>>> and MAs or BScs and MScs, some even let you choose.
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>>>> How universities choose to classify the subject is
>>>> irrelevant to the discussion. (Indeed, it's largely an
>>>> administrative decision.)
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>>>> Fair point.
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>>>> At this one, for instance, all undergraduates receive a BA, whether the
>>>> degree is maths, physics, Classics and Oriental Studies, law, or anything
>>>> else.

Oxford does that. Is that your "this one"? BA in maths is common enough but a BA in physics or chemistry is odd.

>> I saw a discussion recently which claimed that String Theory is viewed
>>> with suspicion by physicists because it was developed by
>>>> mathematicians. If the people had been labelled physicists, it may be
>>>> more welcome. The labels seemed arbitrary, the ones that developed it
>>>> were labelled mathematicians but they could easily have been labelled
>>>> physicists. (No claims on the validity of this, I think that I saw it
>>>> in another newsgroup).
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>>>> I've just returned from Canada, where my sister's gotten engaged to an
>>>> engineer, former physicist. His take on string theory – the reason that he
>>>> was keen to pooh-pooh it – was not so much that it was developed by
>>>> mathematicians (although he did mention that), but rather that it was not
>>>> falsifiable, since it made no predictions about the dimensions we can
>>>> observe.
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>>>> Neeraj Mathur

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I have not studied String Theory in depth and not noticed the lack of falsifiability. If it is so then the physicists have good reason to object. On the other hand, a physicist is unlikely to say that he objected to it because it was developed by mathematicians. "Not invented here" syndrome seems to be real but people rarely admit to it.

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Seán O'Leathlóbhair

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