

ESOL CONNECTION DOWN: ITS IN CRISIS

Thousands of students are said to be in shock yesterday following the IT Service's admission that the popular ESOL network has been experiencing problems. The Service's public relations organ 'Message of the Day' was quick to reassure distraught users that measures would be taken to address the problem.

Message of the Day

Notice of ITS Shutdown

Due to essential maintenance w
ITS Exchange email system the
We are all going to die

Campaigners have, however, threatened to riot should ITS take the controversial step of rolling out dual boot to CG66 and CG68. The action will see students unable to use ESOL between 06:43 and 06:45am on Sunday 9 March. 'It's the only time I can it!' said one activist. 'Just how do they expect us to live without ESOL? How?'

Tom Walker

LGBTa PRESIDENT ADMITS: 'I DON'T KNOW WHAT TRANSGENDERED IS'

Durham's transgender community was in uproar this week following the revelation that LGBTa president Sam Finn (Bisexual) was unable to provide even a basic understanding of 'transgendered'. While quashing earlier reports that she didn't even know what the T stood for, the president was forced to admit that she could not define the term. MH (Metrosexual) printed out a Wikipedia article and supplied to the president. It led to a look that can only be described as: 'disgust', a physical recoiling, and a playgroundesque shriek of: "Oh my god, that's disgusting! Why would anyone be turned on by that? Yuk, yuk, yuk. It makes me sick."

Emily Dukakis

CHRISTIAN UNION NEW TESTAMENT SOCIETY OBLIVIOUS TO ACRONYM

Waves of bewilderment have spread through the Durham Christian community at the uproarious reception they have been given wherever they go whilst wearing their New Testament Society hoodies.

In lectures, going shopping and especially whilst flyering they have been besieged by gasps from the weakly constituted and giggles from the more immorally so.

"It's bizarre," said one member, "we got an email today saying we had been entered in the annual Comedy Hoody Slogan Competition and have been shortlisted along with the Tyne and Wear Annual Teaparty Society."

Cordelia Graham

'SCONE' OR 'SCONE'?

The Durham Union Society has continued to flourish this term reaching an all-time high at the historic: "This house would pronounce 'scone': 'scone'" debate last Friday night.



Members were turned away from the debating chamber on Palace Green as record numbers flocked to attend. The proposition failed as many in the room preferred 'scone' to 'scone', the winning team concluding that: "'scone' or 'scone', 'either' is as good as 'either'".

Tony Dyer

DSU IN NORTHERN ROCK BID

The DSU unexpectedly waded into the debate over Northern Rock last week as the President, Flo Herbert put forwards a surprise bid for the stricken bank. "We think our offer of £300,000 is very reasonable," stated the President at a

news conference. "We have a lot of experience with failing businesses and inconceivable short falls, and we believe we are the right people to turn the Rock around."

It has been alleged that to sweeten the deal all the shareholders of the company have been offered free entry to planet of sound. A spokesman for Northern Rock refused to comment but did suggest the bid was "promising". However a representative for small shareholders said that they were disgusted with the deal. "Our members are not pleased. Many of them have described it as sweaty, loud, unpleasant and overpriced even when free".

Chris Williams

SOCIOLOGY STUDENT DECONSTRUCTS HIMSELF

A Student is in hospital tonight following a gruesome accident in the short loans section of the university library. The student, who can no longer be named for conceptual reasons, is believed to have been in his final-year at Collingwood but has cast doubt over the concept of his unified self as well as the dichotomy of Collingwood and Grey. One witness to the deconstruction, library staff member Joseph Habermas, blamed the incident on the student himself: "he thought it was clever and he could impress with some of this poststructuralist nonsense; students need to be aware that reading Derrida will cause problems: academically and anatomically".

Anton Lazarus



Katy Fitzpatrick