

U. NEWS

ALABAMA

Fraternity votes down Confederate flag . . . The U. of Alabama chapter of Kappa Alpha Order recently voted to discontinue the public display of the Confederate battle flag because it has become the object of racial tension, according to Fraternity President Andrew Sink. In a Nov. 8 letter to University President Roger Sayers, Sink said, "Even though we believe that the First Amendment protects our right to express ourselves through the presentation of this flag, we are also aware that it has been abused by extremist groups who do not represent the views or ideals of the Kappa Alpha Order." Sink said the members of KAO are proud of the flag's heritage because it represents the "principles of chivalry and a legacy of gallantry." The controversy over the flag also led, in part, to the creation of an expression clause that will be implemented into the 1990 Student Affairs Handbook if approved by Vice President for Student Affairs John Baier. ■ *Zelda Oliver, The Crimson White, U. of Alabama*

nator of the LBA, said that because a bisexual woman, or any woman who wishes to attend dances with a man has so many options on campus, the LBA will keep the dances closed. Student Danielle Williams said, "I don't think it is the job of the LBA dances to educate men as far as being open-minded about lesbianism." Some students were concerned about security, both physical and psychological. "The safe space evolved from a need . . . Psychologically we need a safe space and it's just not safe when there are men there," said one student. Graduate student Jean Consolla said, "The minute you bring a man and someone feels uncomfortable, then they're not going to be true to themselves and it won't be a true lesbian experience." ■ *Jocelyn Drennan, The Sophian, Smith College*

MICHIGAN

The secret to success . . . Michigan State U. senior Michael Watt is the first student manager of the MSU Dairy Store, and the first to get it out of debt. The industrial organizational psychology senior dug the store out of a \$30,000 deficit since taking over the job in October 1988. Watt trimmed the store's expenses and nearly doubled last year's sales. "Tight record keeping — a practice previously overlooked at the store — and a reduction in both overproduction and shortages has made the store a streamlined operation," Watt said. He said he tries to run the store like a Fortune 500 company, and attributes his success to his student staff. ■ *Dwight Biermann, The State News, Michigan State U.*

TENNESSEE

Drug tests and financial aid . . . Students who take drug tests may have an easier time getting federal financial aid if a proposal scheduled to be submitted to Congress this spring by Illinois Rep. Jerry Weller is made law. The proposal would give preference to students who pass drug tests. "If you have two candidates that are equal in every other way, the drug-free youth would be given preference," said Weller. Members of the American Civil Liberties Union are opposed. Jay Miller, executive director of the Illinois ACLU, said, "We believe it is probably unconstitutional. You can't make benefits dependent on giving up constitutional rights." ■ *Chris Robinson, The Daily Helmsman, Memphis State U.*

ILLINOIS

Cow rustling . . . Students at a Washington State U. dorm were awakened in the middle of the night recently by a 600-pound stranger with five legs. The unnamed Holstein cow, a mutant with an extra leg growing out of its back, was stolen from the university's College of Veterinary Medicine by a group of students. Freshman resident Andrea Howard said, "He didn't harm anything. He just wandered around for a while and drank out of the fountains. Everyone was hugging it. It was a cute cow." About a half-hour after the cow arrived, campus police recovered it. "The cops just laughed," Howard said. Since damages to the dorm were minimal, there has been no investigation. A campus police dispatcher said, "I don't anticipate ever catching the people who did it. We don't really have any charges against them, other than maybe cow rustling." ■ *William R. Stott, The Daily Northwestern, Northwestern U.*

KENTUCKY

Make me laugh . . . Western Kentucky U. recently held the third annual "We Can Make You Laugh" comedy show. Students were challenged to sustain laughter during three two-minute professional comedy routines. Cathy Sorbo of San Francisco kept students from winning the \$25 prize by telling jokes about the "groovalicious" dressing of the Brady Bunch and an outrageous fake letter to the university president outlining student demands. Two Denver comedians rode stick horses onto the stage and then juggled everything from rubber balls to bowling pins. They chose a woman from the audience, stuck a breadstick in her mouth and knocked part of it off while still juggling. Only two students, Stephen Matthews and Damon Dickerson, resisted the temptation to laugh and won the prize. ■ *Anya Lockert, College Heights Herald, Western Kentucky U.*

MASSACHUSETTS

No men allowed . . . The Lesbian-Bisexual Alliance at Smith College voted last year to continue to deny men entrance to its dances. Kim Carey, student and coordi-



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