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# Is Pot Making a Comeback?

## Support for Marijuana Legalization Grows on Campuses Nationwide

Despite this country's war on drugs and recent legislation recriminalizing marijuana in Alaska, thousands of students nationwide are fighting to make the drug legal.

Demonstrations have taken place around the country, at large and small schools, public and private. Groups such as HEMP (Help Eliminate Marijuana Prohibition) and NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) are heralding the values of the marijuana plant, which, aside from its smoking potential, has many other applications, they say.

"The reason it interests me so much is because it's not just a 'smoking' issue — it's all the other benefits of the plant," said Cari Corman, a sophomore at the U. of Iowa.

While this year's statistics have not been released, a survey of 216,362 college-bound high school seniors last year indicated that advocacy of drug legalization was at an all-time low. According to the survey, conducted by the American Council on Education and the U. of California, Los Angeles, 16.7 percent favored legalizing marijuana.

However, more than 500 people attended a pro-legalization rally in Nebraska in October, and similar demonstrations drew hundreds at universities in California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, New York, Virginia and North Carolina.



ANDY SCOTT, THE DAILY IOWAN, U. OF IOWA  
A pro-marijuana activist praises the values of hemp at a rally in Iowa City, Iowa.

### Marijuana's 'Potential'

Advocates of marijuana legalization say the durable hemp plant (the stalk part of the plant) is suitable for fabric and rope, and was widely used in the United States for such until the 1820s. The plant is said to have a high nutritional value, and oil made from the stalks could be used to fuel cars and as an alternative energy source, they say.

"Because of our puritanical views we are denying ourselves a potential resource," said Ella Godden, a sophomore at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U., who said she plans to join her campus chapter of NORML. "The potential for plant products is enormous and to deny it is disgusting. I cannot think of another plant that provides fuel, cloth, paper, plastic and oxygen — and that's just one plant."

"I find it amazing that one plant that can do so much is illegal," she said.

Student supporters of legalization feel the "getting high" aspect of marijuana is a lesser part of a larger issue: freedom of choice and privacy.

"When (government officials) tell me what I can or can't put in my body they are invading my privacy," said Mike Kellner, a "green ribbon activist" at California Polytechnic State U., San Luis Obispo. Kellner said the goal of the green ribbon group is to promote the decriminalization of all illegal drugs.

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## UTA Students Nix Campus Abortion Plan

### 'Progressive' Student Leader Vows to Take Issue to Other Universities

By Jason Willis  
■ The Shorthorn  
U. of Texas, Arlington

After weeks of media attention and local controversy, the U. of Texas, Arlington, student congress laid to rest any possibility of on-campus abortion services, but the group that proposed the idea plans to pitch it to colleges nationwide.

The resolution, sponsored by the Progressive Students' Union, failed, receiving nine votes for and 21 against in a packed meeting in late November. The resolution called for on-campus abortions through the health center. A week earlier, the student body also had voted against the proposal.

SC President Brian Chase, who opposed the resolution, said the student election referendum — which showed 66 percent of voting students against the idea — dictated how the congress needed to vote.

"This is the outcome I expected from congress and the

student body," he said. "Congress has sent a message that a campus is not an appropriate place for abortions, certainly not at UTA."

Maybe not at UTA, but PSU President Andy Ternay, who wrote the resolution, said he is preparing a pitch for abortion rights activists to take the issue to colleges throughout the United States.

**"A lot of students probably did not vote . . . because they figured, 'Why bother, the administration will shoot it down anyway.'"**

— Andy Ternay  
Progressive Students' Union

"(UTA) is an urban area," Ternay said. "There are other schools where the nearest abortion clinic could be 1,400 miles away. There the students don't have access."

"This is a simpler solution because instead of opening a whole new clinic, you just add equipment to the student health services," he said.

Ternay said by taking the failed campus resolution to a national level they could draw additional attention to the issue.

"Making it a national issue will draw a more powerful group behind us," Ternay said. "In a more liberal school,

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### New Men's Group:

## 'It's Not the Responsibility of Women to Stop Rape'

By Julie Downey  
■ The Daily Vidette  
Illinois State U.

A group of men at Illinois State U. are educating each other about the definitions of rape, hoping to weaken the "rape culture."

Men Against Rape was formed in the fall by ISU student Jason and faculty member Mark, who asked not to be identified by their last names.

A rape culture refers to the fact that "rape isn't just a few messed-up individuals," said Mark. "Instead it's perpetrated by cultural forces."

He said one of the most important steps toward ending rape is men setting examples and learning what parts they play in the rape culture.

"If we are to stop rape, we are to stop the rape culture. We are feminists in the anti-rape movement," Mark said.

"The only effective way to change culture is

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