The capital of the United States now sanctions the use of marijuana for recreational purposes. Alaska, Oregon and Washington, D.C. joined Washington State and Colorado as marijuana-friendly zones this past month. Residents of these states 21-years-old and over may now freely consume weed at their leisure.

Spokesman of the pro-legalization Marijuana Policy Project, Mason Tvert, believes more and more states will follow suit in legalizing weed for personal use. "Some states will end marijuana prohibition more quickly than others, just as some states ended alcohol prohibition more quickly than others," Tvert said in a USA Today article. “But they all did in the end, and now just about everybody recognizes that it was a good idea," he said.

Other states, while not going so far as to legalize marijuana use for recreational use, made strides in that direction—California approving the decision to lower penalties for drug possession. Seven other states now allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

The nation has come a long ways since 1970, when marijuana was first added to the Controlled Substance Act as an illegal drug. "I'm a lot more lenient," said former U.S. senator from Colorado, Ken Salazar, about these issues, "over the years, we've changed how we think about drug prohibition more and more," he said.

Many Americans do not agree with computing drug prohibition to alcohol prohibition. "Alcohol has more of a purpose since it's a casual thing you can do without being far gone," said John Hopkins University sophomore Sydney Weaver said. "You can't get high without being high." With no clear connection between alcohol and American public as a whole, marijuana use is a more popularly discussed issue than alcohol, Weaver said. "I don't see as a society whole that's in any way helpful."
Brazilian dance practiced in Northwest Arkansas

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Throughout the year, the University hosts various events that include Brazilian dance, music, and more. Veldhuizen has danced since her junior year of college. She learned about Capoeira through her favorite break-dancer, Neguin, a Brazilian on YouTube.

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A groundbreaking new dance style called Capoeira, "If you ask me, Capoeira is a form of self-defense or art, a dance, an art form, which has been described as a martial art, a dance, a theater, a ritual, a song, and other difficult moves that are part of the capoeira style of dancing.

When asked about how the training happens very long ago. The Brazilian Foundation said, "Capoeira is a dance style that has been passed down through the generations."

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Mock Rock keeps rockin' after a decade

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Anonymous app causes controversy

Yik Yak, the anonymous app that has gained popularity on college campuses, has caused controversy due to its content. The app, designed to allow users to post messages that are visible to others in their immediate location, has been criticized for containing offensive and disrespectful content. The app's users are trying to combat the negativity with uplifting messages and spiritual growth, but the app is still being used to spread un-Godly, and even worse, hurt others.

The app is exposing issues that need to be addressed. Discussions about how to address the deeper issues the app is exposing will continue as well. The university approves and encourages edifying debate, discourse and public encouragement, but it is clear that it needs to be addressed. After funny jokes, Bible verses and positive encouragement, the app users are trying to combat the negativity with uplifting messages, but it is still too many.

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Intercultural marriage brings new experiences

Confessing sins creates vulnerability

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Evolution of college: 1960s to present

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Over the past 30 years, higher education has continued to change dramatically. Technological advancements have had implications in nearly every aspect of the college. As the number of Americans attending college continues to increase, the change in the capacity of education affects more and more people.

Do these changes in the college setting more or less difficult for the average student? The answer is complicated.

What’s Changed?

Technology is the biggest player in changing education.

“Traditionally all of the educational mechanisms are different,” said Joe Walenciak, dean of the School of Business at John Brown University. “We used blackboards, and having to memorize a lot of things was kind of good. It was a real struggle to find information.”

Walenciak recognized that time spent with research specialists when he did his graduate work, finding working text for a web search, which could cost hundreds of dollars. Now, Google fields about 4 billion search per minute, according to the Daily Mail.

The internet made so much information readily available that educators had to become not just more than the “way to do things,” said Carla Swearingen, associate professor of Business. “Today, accountability is very high.”

This is by design, said Swearingen, vice president of student affairs, who is directly involved with the expectations of students, especially if John Brown. “This is unlike decades past, where it was almost a badge of honor for wanting out students who wouldn’t make the grade.”

Great Expectations

The game of education leadership, and has become aware of the expectations of students, who are looking upon skills, like computer literacy, critical thinking and creativity, and less on technical skills, such as navigation of the internet and new information and note memorization.

In a world where technology is interwoven into nearly every profession, more demand is placed upon people for things machines cannot do. “We [are] equipping you as a knowledge-based generation,” said Chris Confer, director of career development. “What we’re training you to do is so much more than just regurgitation.”

In order to develop the skills now valued by employers, the interactivity of learning has increased dramatically. Where Walenciak recounts one group project in all four years of his undergraduate learning at John Brown, now at least one group project is required in almost all classes.

However, some of the added work balances out, as research and navigation are exponentially easier for students these days. Unfortunately, the internet provides a significant challenge as well.

The resources that we get are really great, you can get in the way of a student’s time,” said Donnie Macfarlan. “Your grades seem to be a challenge of using new technology and more people.”

Walenciak said Joe Walenciak, who is double-majoring in chemistry and mechanical engineering, “I try to study and learn as I go, rather than getting holed up and trying to cram.”

“Kids are missing the amount of time you put into a subject,” said Swearingen.

This leads to the biggest question of changing education: In College Grades?

“Things have become more complex, but we have the tools to deal with the complexity,” said Bland. “It’s just different.”

Difficulty is subjective, depending on the class, the professor and the student, and thus is hard to quantify. However, it seems the new challenges posed by technological advancement are balanced out by technology’s advantages. It seems college education as a whole is not measurably “harder.”

However, the academic rigor at John Brown is another story. Ten years ago, the staff and faculty made sure that this called a “concerted, specific effort of increasing academic rigor.”

“The academic prep our students are getting is top notch,” said Macfarlan. “Typical students at other universities are not performing at the level you’re at.”

Though such a work is heard students, the University’s retention rate for incoming freshmen speaks for itself. At 82 percent, it’s well above the national average of 66 percent, said Swearingen.

“Staying in college is a struggle for the student. The resources that we put in are unprecedented,” said Beers. “The academic rigor of the eight support doesn’t decrease retention rates.”

It’s actually a good influence.”

Thanksgiving in Different States

The images on these pages show how Thanksgiving is celebrated from coast to coast. The following is a look at some of the scenes that happen in the Plymouth colony. While this interaction is poorly documented and has often been called into question, it has nonetheless informed the American perception of Thanksgiving greatly. Early on, Thanksgiving celebrations were led by church leaders, but the first nationwide celebration in America was called by George Washington on November 26th, 1789. It wasn’t until Abraham Lincoln that Thanksgiving became an official national holiday, establishing a tradition that remains to this day.

Obscure Facts on Thanksgiving

Indians weighed a turkey to the official big time.

· Canada also celebrates Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October.

· In the Bahamas, Thanksgiving is celebrated in November each year, because the Spanish did not travel on the second day of November each year.

· In Turkey, they get their name from the Turkish merchants who first introduced them to Europe. The turkeys, even as the English brought them to North America.
Resume building opportunities around campus

One of the greatest resources for college professionals entering into the professional world is the resume. This sheet or sheet of paper can be the deciding factor on whether or not a job opportunity is extended. What many students don't know is the massive number of resources at their disposal that can be applied to strengthening their resumes.

For example, volunteer work is a heavily undervalued aspect of a resume. Job search powerhouse monster.com asserts that volunteer work on a resume has a “certain enhancing power.” Volunteer opportunities on campus include serving as orientation leaders, leading Growth Groups and participating in CAUSE ministries, among other worthy programs and positions.

There are even more opportunities in the city of Siloam Springs. The Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks is always looking for more volunteers for sports programs and other events. With the diverse collection of churches in Siloam, it is quite simple to get plugged in volunteering for different ministries or events.

Including those on a resume shows an employer that community involvement is valued. This is especially critical when the potential hire knows too little to no prior paid work experience. It shows the commitment expected from a professional qualified with an added altruistic aspect. This can make a resume stand out.

Beyond volunteer work, there are many paid positions available on John Brown University campus that can really complement a resume. Work-study, tutoring for Student Support Services, and especially paid leadership positions show potential employers a good work ethic and, potentially, some great leadership skills. Employees want to know that potential employers have experience dealing with situations that may arise in a professional setting, and working just about any job can teach solutions to some, if not all, of those situations.

Additionally, feel free to put unpaid positions on a resume as well if it reflects an applicable skill. For example, writing for The Threefold Advocate shows employers a certain degree of communicative skill as well as ability to work with others and deadlines. This information could be critical for an employer looking for these traits. It is just important to be sure the detailed list that positions showcases a specific skill on the resume itself.

According to Forbes, “One trend that’s hard to stay in tailoring your resume for each position that you apply for. Being clear and concise to answering why someone should hire you is critical for getting a reading.” There is even a specific service offered on campus to help students create successful resumes. The Career Development Center, headed up by Chris Conley, partners with potential employers to create career fair, professional workshops (covering subjects from online format of resume writing) and mock interviews, all to help John Brown students succeed in the professional world.

According to the Career Development Center, a resume is the first impression a potential employer will get of you and the Kingdom of God by teaching students to showcase a specific skill on the resume itself or email a copy, and continually integrate who they have over young girls. Owner of allhiphop.com, Chuck Creekmur concludes his letter by divulging the renaming of his daughter “shelters” his daughter from Minaj’s latest single, I wasn’t about thinking about it, too.” Spaulding commented.

All this takes on the part of the student is either an awareness of the Career Center or a trip to the Center itself. Located in the Student Center, it is a critical resource, and the good people of the Career Development Center are more than happy to help out with resumes, and a career consultation even figuring out a major!
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I have grown up going to Razorback games and have a deep love for the Hogs. This past season has been a little rough, but true Razorback fans stick by their team no matter what. This season has been full of energy for the first time in many seasons. The fans care too much about the team for it to ever be over, and we can see more victories in the future.

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John Brown University alumna, Sierra Shipley, has been awarded the honor of having her jersey hung from the rafters of the Ring of Honor at the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame. This marks the first time in the history of the JBU women’s basketball program that the team has had a player make it to the Hall of Fame.

The Ring of Honor has been a part of the Hall since it opened in 1999. From its hanging the jerseys of high school and college-level athletes who have achieved memorable accomplishments within the past season. Shipley’s jersey, No. 22, can currently be found on the top row of the south rack.

It was so exciting when I first found out because it’s an incredible honor,” Shipley said. “It’s pretty cool way to end my career on such a special season with a tremendous group of teammates and coaches. I’m extremely thankful for the honor.”

Head coach Jeff Soderquist expressed similar sentiment. “This is such a great honor for Sierra and for the entire JBU women’s basketball program. Sierra had an outstanding career and finished it all with an awesome senior season,” Soderquist said. “I am so proud of her, and this honor is well-deserved. I would like to thank the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame for honoring Sierra in this way.”

The women’s basketball team had a recent season with Shipley in the last year before her graduation, with her becoming JBU’s first Women’s Basketball Coaches Association- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-America First Team recipient. The senior guard did a particularly impressive job during her last season, setting the program’s highest score of recent times with 584 points. Shipley broke the previous single-season three-point shooting record, with 92 triples in the season. She finished sixth overall in the nation. JBU made the All-Conference first team selection with 172 field goals, 114 free throws, 0.464 free throw shooting, 235 rebounds and 59 steals. They finished all 36 games.

On Nov. 19, 2013, Shipley surpassed the level of 1,000 career points, becoming the program’s 15th player to do so. She passed this mark in the Golden Eagles’ 72-64 victory over Evangel University.

She played a pivotal role in helping the team to achieve its best record yet, 28-8, as well as its highest ranking of number 7, just within the first postseason poll.

JBU compiled this record season when, for the first time, it reached Fab Four at the 2014 NAIA National Championships after achieving the team’s first national tournament victory against Lyon College in round 32. They then achieved victory against the number one team in the nation, Vanguard University, in round 16. They ultimately fell to the national champion, Oklahoma City, but nonetheless, they won 6 of their 10 games.

JBU student rushes Razorback Stadium

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Shipley inducted into Hall of Fame

Sierra Shipley has been awarded one of the University of Arkansas’ highest honors after beating LSU 17-0. This was the first win after a 17 game losing streak, and the fans stormed the field in excitement. The University of Arkansas must pay $25,000 due to this.

The past few seasons have been a little rough, but true Razorback fans stick by their team no matter what. This season has not been much different from the past; we beat the little teams, but when it comes time to play in the Southeastern Conference, we just can’t seem to get the job done. Going into the game on Saturday, the Razorbacks were in the middle of a 17 game losing streak and were set to play Louisiana State University—number 17 in the nation. However, this Saturday the Razorbacks broke their losing streak by defeating LSU 17-0. It was before freezing Saturday night right over 70,000 people sat and watched the game, but no one seemed to notice because the Hogs were about to win. The fans were all into the game, and the students were full of energy for the first time in many seasons. The fans were so excited about the win that we all rushed the field after the game to celebrate with the players and congratulate them for their accomplishment.

Because the fans rushed the field, the University of Arkansas must pay a $25,000 fine due to SEC rules. I don’t think too many Razorback fans care too much about the fine because the losing streak is over, and we can see more victories in the future.
Lady Eagles find chemistry on court

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How does an athletic team evolve and change from year to year? Some years may be punctuated by victories while others are impacted by losing seasons. This can be said for any sport, but it has been especially true of the John Brown University women’s basketball team. This year the John Brown University Golden Eagles have faced a different kind of season. They won their first two games of the season in their Nov. 13 game. It was a game well won with an end score of 71-58 against Crowley’s Ridge.

Jodee Soderquist, head coach of the women’s basketball team, sees a positive turn around for the future of the team: “We have been trying to find our chemistry, and we have had probably one of the hardest non-conference schedules I have ever had. The good news is with this hard schedule, we are finding out right away what we need to do to get better. Each team has its own journey, and this is our journey. They are working hard, and I think you will see a big difference in these next couple of games.”

A lot can be said for the girls’ efforts, and most would agree that the fruits of these efforts will be seen. Athletic teams evolve from year to year depending on the girls who play and when and where they come from. Soderquist has had the privilege of seeing this change over 16 seasons of coaching the women’s basketball team. He also had the opportunity to work with the men’s basketball team for six years previous to working with the women’s team. He also said the same of the women’s basketball team: “I have seen a really big change in the players over the years. The women that play today have gotten so much more athletic and stronger. I do think there are more players today that can do things on the court that you only saw a very few do a year ago.”

Meraki Robinson, a senior on the basketball team, talked about how the team was impacted by losing seasons like Sierra Shipley, Kaye Garrison and Abbe Warren, describing them as great, experienced players who naturally led the team. She mentioned how every team is different and successful: “I think that people need to know that we will fight and do everything it takes to get better every day. It’s this year’s team, not last year’s team. We will thrive to come together as a family and be successful and have fun in what we do.”

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1. **Before there was Black Friday, there were Santa Claus parades**

   In Dec. of 1905, a Canadian department store held a “Santa Claus parade.” Santa appearing at the end of the parade was the signal that the holiday season was in full swing, meaning holiday shopping would begin.

2. **‘Black Friday’ used to refer to stock market crashes**

   ‘Black Friday’ was first used in Sept. of 1869 when speculators attempted to corner the gold market on the Stock Exchange. This lead to investors losing large amounts of money.

3. **Black Friday has gone international**

   Retailers in Canada have been fighting to keep their shoppers from heading south for better deals on Black Friday for years. In order to prevent this, they’ve begun offering their own sales on that day, despite the fact that their Thanksgiving is celebrated a full month earlier.

4. **Shoppers inadvertently determined the date of Thanksgiving**

   Historically, a “day-of-thanks-giving” occurred on the last Thursday in Nov. However, in 1939, the last Thursday was the last day in Nov., causing retailers to worry about the shortened holiday shopping season. A petition was formed and given to then-President Roosevelt in order to declare the holiday a week earlier. Roosevelt approved the petition and it wasn’t until 1941 that Congress decided it needed to be revised. From then on, Thanksgiving was to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in Nov., promising the extra week of shopping before Christmas.

5. **‘Black Friday’ vs. ‘Big Friday’**

   Philadelphia police coined the term ‘Black Friday’ after becoming frustrated by the madness shoppers brought on the day. Retailers didn’t like the negative connotation the term brought, leading them to attempt to rename the day ‘Big Friday’ in 1961.