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"I think the police arresting people for having marijuana are wasting time and money," said Lucy Perkins, a freshman biology major at UMass.

"There are lots of legal things that are worse than marijuana," said Zac Wolfman, after his first-time voting in a presidential election. Wolfman, a freshman at UMass, said he voted "yes" on Question 2 along with his parents, fellow Amherst residents Jeffrey and Bonnie.

When asked how important it was that he voted yesterday, 19-year-old turf grass management student Jarrod Shirley said, "Extremely important. Due to personal issues involving Question 2, I felt strongly that I needed to vote in favor of this question."

"Being in a college town, and with recreational use of marijuana prevalent in this area, I felt it was necessary and my obligation to vote on this issue," said Shirley a native of Norwell, Mass.

Though campaign paraphernalia and clothing is not allowed within 150 feet of any polling station, according to precinct constable Willie Wheeler, Brendan Bowen, a junior biology and economics major, found his own way to display his feelings on Question 2.

"On Question 2, let's be serious, I have hemp shoes on," said Bowen.

Others opposed the ballot's second proposition.

"Marijuana leads to much worse drug addictions," said Johnson. "If 99 percent of the police force are against it, then so am I because they know better than I do."

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Lucas Correia and Joe Meloni also contributed to this story.

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