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I loved Boise State professor Greg Hampikian's take (below) on concealed guns in his class.

As satiric as it was, now he gets to worry about which student will go off the deep end. This therapist worries, too. Gun rights mixed with meth, alcohol, spice and other drugs, mental health anger issues will in fact produce another campus tragedy. So now it is all the easier.

Sen. John Coghill, R-North Pole, sponsor of SB 176.

REMEMBER YOUR NAME WILL BE FOREVER CONNECTED WITH THE FIRST ON-CAMPUS KILLING FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF YOUR ALEC OR NRA PUSHED LEGISLATION. Long after the campaign money is spent...

If you set up the scenario it will happen. If you splash a gun tragedy all over the news it will be copied by mentally imbalanced individuals.

Following the advertising hoopla of the movie The Program teens imitated lying on the middle yellow line of the highway in traffic. They died or were injured. It only takes one gun pulled from a backpack to outdo the injured/dead suggestible teens lying on the highway. Hopefully it won't outnumber Sandy Hook...

I'm fortunate, no kids in college any more.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Controversy on Campus; Should Concealed Guns Be Allowed In Schools?]

GREG HAMPIKIAN [PROFESSOR, BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY]: I'm a biology professor, not a lawyer. And I'd never considered bringing a gun to work until now. But since many of my students are likely to be armed, I thought it would be a good idea to even the playing field.

JOE FRYER: At Boise State University, Greg Hampikian is a DNA expert suddenly diving into politics, concerned about plans to allow guns on college campuses. He recently wrote a satirical letter to Idaho lawmakers, published in the New York Times and headlined by a shocking question.

HAMPIKIAN: When may I shoot a student?

FRYER: "When may I shoot a student?"

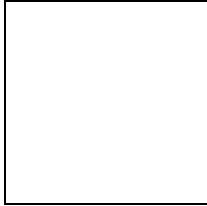
HAMPIKIAN: Right.

FRYER: That's provocative.

HAMPIKIAN: It's serious as well.

FRYER: Mass shootings like Virginia Tech, Newtown, and Columbine often come to mind when discussing guns in schools. But Hampikian's tongue-in-cheek letter focuses on how teachers might feel in a classroom where guns are legal. He writes about past encounters with disgruntled students.

HAMPIKIAN: But I always assume that when they reached into their backpacks, they were going for a pencil. But now that they we'll all be packin' heat, I would like legal instruction in the rules of classroom engagement.



FRYER: He asks, "If I'm working out a long equation on the board and several students try to correct me using their laser sights, am I allowed to fire a warning shot?"

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