



College and guns just don't mix

Seniors worry about their last semester in high school, college transition, student loans, and now they may worry about guns on their college campus in the lone star state.

A few weeks ago, I was listening to the news when a debate came on about a group of El Pasoans marching with guns. A few minutes later, they mentioned having handguns on college campuses. It falls under Open Carry, a group that supports guns being carried around in public places. Let's make one thing clear. I am all for the second amendment. I believe in the right to protect one's self, but not in any school setting.

College is a time where you better yourself for the future. It's not to worry about going to class and running into someone who has a gun. It's terrifying that there are some, like our newly elected governor Greg Abbott, who support the movement. Those who favor Open Carry say there will be background checks, classes, and other precautionary guides to follow. That's great and all, but we all know there are flaws in that kind of system.

Recently, a state representative was harassed for disagreeing with Open Carry supporters. That is alarming to say the least.

I will begin my college career in Austin in August. Should Open Carry pass in Texas, I will feel less safe and more uncomfortable in the very setting where free expression is encouraged.

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