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**Freedom rules**  
 July 8, 2007  
**BY ZAY N. SMITH** Sun-Times Columnist  
 The Case for Zero Tolerance of Modern School

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education wants you to know that McNeese State University "embraces the free and open exchange of ideas."

As long as the student speaks in one of two ways: a maximum of two hours, during daylight weekends, with a permit obtained at least 72 hours in advance.

**No solution**  
*Americablog.com* notes that 41 percent more dead bodies were found on the streets of Baghdad in June than in January.

Think of it as a surge.

**Shot in the dark**  
 From the National Rifle Association at [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org):

"In a fly-around tour across Missouri today, the National Rifle Association's (NRA) chief lobbyist Chris W. Cox joined Governor Matt Blunt at bill-signing ceremonies . . ."

The "Castle Doctrine" law allows Missourians to shoot, without fear of prosecution or lawsuit, any unidentified person on their property without permission.

QT recalls spending time with a Cook County sheriff's police officer who taught, on his own time, a course on gun safety.

He started teaching the course after a number of incidents including this one:

A woman called his headquarters late at night, said she heard a noise downstairs, and asked if she should shoot through the floor in the direction of the noise.

The NRA and Missouri say, hey, why not?

**Unfair trade**  
 Global Trade Watch at [www.citizen.org/trade](http://www.citizen.org/trade) reports that Democrats in Congress are quietly crossing the aisle to support President Bush's proposed expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The downside to this in the United States is fewer jobs, lower wages and less protection against poisoned food being imported for our dinner tables.

But, come on, Global Trade Watch. Is that really too large a price to pay for the happiness and contentment of our corporations?

**Said with a smile**  
 •• Rush Limbaugh at [www.rushlimbaugh.com](http://www.rushlimbaugh.com) (2006):

". . . a bunch of long-haired, maggot-infested, dope-smoking FM-peace types . . ."


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