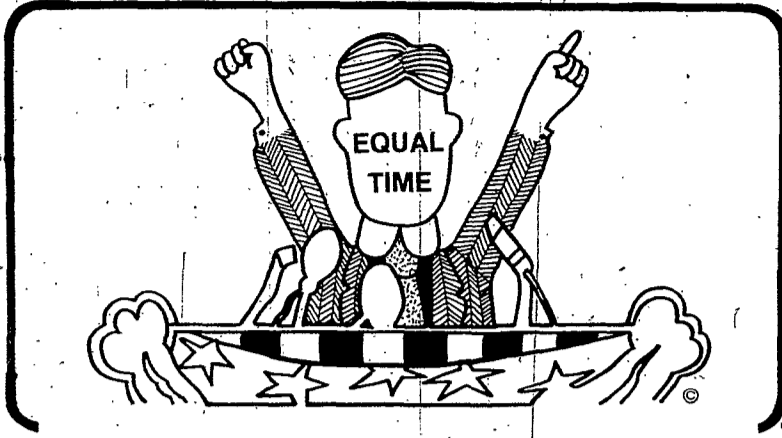


# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



Do you think stricter gun control laws should be passed?

### AQUINAS

**Don DiGennaro, junior, debating team** think gun control laws should be tighter for two reasons: one, because of the ease with which a person can get a "Saturday night special" (black market and mail order guns) which leads to more crimes and shootings; two, because of the idea that everyone has a right to own a gun for their own protection. I feel the accidental shootings that have occurred outweigh the advantages of owning a gun. People should have more confidence in law enforcement.



**Walter Casper, sophomore, swim team** "Yes! If everyone is going to carry a gun there are going to be more shootings. You can be doing nothing and be shot (sniping incidents). The other day over the news they told about an arrested man who had a gun — but it was fake — but the police had mistaken it for a real one which could have led to a dangerous situation causing unnecessary harm. There should be bigger penalties for people who are caught with unregistered guns, and there should be a thorough study made of the person's background requesting a gun permit."



**Peter Fay, senior, boxing** "The laws should be stricter, and guns shouldn't be as easily accessible as they are today. Everybody has a right to bear arms as stated by the Constitution, but they should be used for sports (hunting). If a person has a gun there is the temptation to use it when it isn't necessary. If a person is not properly trained in the use of the weapon he shouldn't be carrying it around. There should be a law requiring safety courses to be taken and another law should stipulate the size of guns allowed the private citizens."



**Martin Quinn, sophomore** "Yes they should be made stricter because most of the robberies and killings are unnecessary because of careless use of guns. The death rate would probably be reduced if there was a stricter law for guns. Most incidents would still have been committed, but would have been much more difficult to carry out — because without a gun the distance factor in crime would be greatly reduced. It would be a deterrent to crime if other weapons were used rather than guns."



**Tony Georgetti, freshman, boxing** "Yes, they should because a lot of deaths are caused by careless use of guns — mostly by "Saturday night specials" and guns acquired in similar circumstances. It's all right to have a gun if you meet registration qualifications, but the law should be stricter with the mail-order way of obtaining guns."



**Pat Culhane, junior, debating team** think (gun laws) should be tighter. Once it was thought it was the common man's right to be able to have hand weapons, but now they are deciding against this. There are organizations like "Ban the Bullet" which are working toward stricter gun control. Too many people have guns and they are using them the wrong way. It shouldn't be necessary to have a gun. They are getting into the wrong hands."



**David Andrews, freshman, soccer team** think they should be made stricter until people have learned to use the guns properly. The law should forbid anyone from obtaining guns without meeting qualifications. The law should deal with the illegal ways of obtaining guns and registration requirements should be stiffer for persons requesting permits. If stricter laws were passed it would make it harder for the criminal to obtain guns."



**Brian Cowan, senior, band** "I think they should pass stricter laws, but shouldn't outlaw guns entirely. The Constitution states the people's right to bear arms. The "Saturday night special" should be outlawed. People shouldn't be able to buy guns through mail order magazines, and there should be stricter penalties when people disobey these laws. We have learned more shootings have occurred by ordinary people who own guns rather than by criminals."



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