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Guns raise the stakes. It lets the shooter know he must raise the stakes as well. The solution to fear and helplessness is not a gun. Decision making on the basis of emotions is dangerous. Gun policies should make it harder for emotions to erupt into violence.

Everyone has a right to protect themselves and their property. They don't have a right to put others in harms way.

A gun on campus because you have a right is an argument on principle. Gun policies are based on safety. Pride should not overshadow logic. Pride will not ensure safety.

The National Institute of Justice found a correlation between gun ownership levels and felony gun use and felony murder. Violence will always exist. Guns raise the stakes. They allow that violence to become deadly.

The best solution is to allow trained police officers to handle the situation. It is safer than allowing untrained individuals to become vigilantes. The risk is heightened when police officers cannot identify the "bad guy." It increases friendly fire deaths.

Knowing a gun is within someone's reach on campus may create more uneasiness than security. The possibility of someone stealing a gun from a vehicle and using it on another individual is raised.

An armed individual determined kill is prepared to die and take as many people as he can with him. He does not care that someone is armed.

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to all of a sudden begin escorting scared Bronco commuters to their doors.

Although it is not fact, it is safe to say that gun laws or lack there of have never stopped an emotionally unstable student or staff member from using a firearm to do harm. These incidents are tragic, but we should not be so irrationally frightened as a society to punish the latter of citizens for the mental misfortunes of a few. Instead we should implement safety measures that would ensure no firearms are brought into campus buildings. Metal detectors, as seen in airports, courthouses and government buildings across the nation, are the number one prevention method for guns, yet there are none at FSU.

By beefing up security measures, administration can create an environment in which students will feel safe with the presence of guns on campus, restricted to vehicles.

Universities could impose fees for licensed, qualified students who wish to carry a weapon in their vehicles. As long as the weapon is registered with the state and the university, there is an open line of communication that allows for both dialogue and safety of commuters and university employees.

The general citizen of the United States is good. No entity should act as if the average American is bad, but do prepare for it...and not by restricting the good citizens.

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What do you say? How do you look? Do you run away or keep calm? Do you say "No comment" or keep silent?

**WHAT:** In honor of our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Voice will hold its first ever Bronco Media Training

**WHO:** ALL student clubs, organizations, sororities, and fraternities! for student leaders and the general student body if space permits

**WHEN:** Friday, December 3, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Room 236 of the Rudolph Jones Student Center.

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