

Editorial

Pushed to the Point

Exodus 20:13 says "Thou shalt not kill." This law has come to be universal, and is taught by ministers and priests all over the world.

The opening sentence from the cover story of the January 18th edition of *Time Magazine* states, "The law has always made room for killers."

This is true.

The law protects the soldiers, policemen, Federal Bureau Investigation agents, and even ordinary citizens who kill in self-defense. In some cases the law even commands that the life of a criminal be taken, through some form of capital punishment.

There are some that the law does not protect, or consider to have the right to kill. Battered women who kill their boyfriends, or husbands are forgotten by the system. These women are not protected by the law, and in most cases they are arrested, tried and convicted of murder.

Battered women are driven to the point where they feel as if there is no way out and nothing else can be done. "Between 22 and 35 percent of emergency room visits made by females are due to a domestic dispute" according to The National League of cities.

The blame should not be totally placed on the women, but also on the judicial system as well.

"I didn't want revenge, I just wanted out," said Shalanda Burt, who is serving 17 years for the murder of her boyfriend. Burt reports that she told law officials repeatedly of the beatings, and policemen considered them as lovers' quarrels.

What should these women do if they can not receive help and protection from the proper authorities. The battered women are faced with Marx's theory of "Flight or Fight."

Ecclesiastes 3:3 states "There is a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to breakdown and a time to build up." If there is a law that protects the rights of battered women, then this one is it.



The Class of 1968 Remembers A Different Decade of NCCU

1968 was an eventful curfew, the curfew was five-year. Dr. Martin Luther nally moved. Freshmen had King Jr., and Robert Kennedy were assassinated. at 8:00, Sophomores at 9:00, Juniors at 10:00, and Seniors at 11:00. The fight for civil rights was at a high point and the struggle to survive was raging.

Also that year, the North Carolina Central University class of 1968 graduated and made it's first steps into the world.

The class of 1968 celebrated it's 25th class reunion. An average of 50 people from a graduating class of 400 returned to the sloping hills and verdant greens.

Just how different was North Carolina Central University in 1968? Well, young ladies could only wear jeans on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m and socials were held in dorm room recreation rooms every Saturday night so that students would not have to leave campus in order to have a good time. After a sit-in protesting

Imagine that. The "New Student Union" and Baynes Hall opened their junior year and the "New Cafe" opened their Sophomore year. Annie Day Shepard and McLean housed Freshmen, Rush was the Sophomore Dorm and Latham was for Juniors.

The class of 1968 boasts of many successful individuals, such as Lee Davis, Certified Public Accountant Atlanta, Georgia., Teacher and Principal Nancy Caldwell Morris and Julye Brown Mizelle, Raleigh, N.C, Business Planner Allen Lee, Cary, N.C. and Attorney Cressie Thigpen, Raleigh, N.C.

The Class of 1968 put down the building blocks for North Carolina Central University students today. If it wasn't for their struggles in the 60's, we would not be able to have the opportunities we have today.

Remember
When?

In 1968:

-A Catalina Pontiac was \$5100

-A 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, ranch-style brick house was \$31,000

-Gas was between .18-.25 a gallon

-Men's suits were \$59.95 and shoes were \$35

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