



Class of '84 members of the Metrolina Seminary Extension Center and 50-voice Minister's Choir held their Annual Fellowship and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance recently at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. The class is now taking an English course which will end in May. Dr. L.C. Riddick (center) is the senior instructor. Rev. William Lee, Jr. (to his left), is the Director of the Center. For program tapes, call 596-3821.

## Alex McMillan Urges Support For Child Support Enforcement Bill

Calling the number of divorced fathers refusing to pay child support payments "a growing national disgrace," GOP Congressional candidate Alex McMillan today expressed his support for federal legislation that would provide greater enforcement of child support by enabling support payments to be deducted from an individual's paycheck.

"This approach is pro-family, pro-children and pro-taxpayer," declared McMillan, pointing out that, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates,

"legislation of this kind would result in \$216 million in welfare savings over a period of three years."

McMillan declared that "dodging of child support payments has reached epidemic proportions." The Ninth District Republican noted that of the 8.4 million women having custody of minor-age children in 1981, "about 50 percent received either partial child support from the fathers or no support at all. In fact, fully one-fourth of the total received no support."

responsive to the dynamic changes that are occurring in the labor force, and make it easier for women with children who want to work to do so."

McMillan's proposal was released today in conjunction with his appearance at a candidates' forum sponsored by a number of women's organizations, including the Charlotte's Women's Political Caucus, the Charlotte YWCA, and Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

### Class Reunion

Finley High School's class of 1964 will celebrate its 20th reunion with a four-day and three-night Bahama cruise in June.

The high school is located in Chester, S.C. But since then, many of the class' 81 students now reside in Charlotte.

"Single parent families in America increased by 97 percent during the 1970's," McMillan continued, "with 90 percent of that amount headed by women. America must no longer turn our backs on the millions of women and children who suffer because of fathers who simply walk away from their moral and legal obligations."

The four-day, three-night cruise to Nassau and the Bahamas is set to begin June 29 with a flight to Miami. There, the groups will board the MS Sunward II.

The Child Support Enforcement Act would require each state to develop, implement and enforce its own system of deducting amounts from wages for the collection of child support payments.

Plans for the cruise began in 1979 when class members met for their 15th reunion, according to Elizabeth Crank Thompson.

"Congress should act on this national problem and provide greater enforcement of child support neglect," McMillan stated. "If elected, I will support strong action."

"We wanted something special for the 20th anniversary," Mrs. Thompson stated. "This will be a first."

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Continuing to stress "the need to address the new realities of our changing labor force and the economic pressures facing today's family," McMillan also announced his intention to support legislation providing for "tax incentives for private industry to establish and maintain on-site day care facilities for parents who work on the premises." Such legislation, he noted, "would be

The group extends an invitation to non-class members who also are interested in joining the cruise. The deadline for reservations is May 7.

For more information, contact James Mayfield, Jr. at 377-3870; Elizabeth Thompson, 385-2802; Ida Foster, 377-1160 of Chester; Kater Wylie Cornwell at 704-392-6414 or Cecilia Sanders, 912-352-1007.

**MADD Meeting**  
The next meeting of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will be April 17 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in Shoney's, 3701 E. Independence Blvd. The guest speaker will be Dixie Border of Kindermourn. All people interested are invited to attend. For more information, telephone Lucy Dickens at 364-3916, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. or call 568-4325.

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