

City's Eligible Bachelors Agree:

Political, Social And Civic Activities Are Best Places To Meet Single Women

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As promised, because all is fair in Charlotte's social circles, this week five of the city's eligible bachelors give their perspectives on the social life in Charlotte and also what's up with the single, black women in our town.

Interestingly, in contrast to what women generally think about men being closed-mouthed, these men were eager to tell their side of the story. They want women to know how they feel. That's a good sign, isn't it? Or, maybe you should withhold your judgment until you've read what they had to say.

Where do Charlotte men like to meet women? "There are a lot of outlets," claims Bernard King, single and 32 years of age. And for the most part, the men are in agreement here. They don't have much of a preference for places where it's best to meet women. "A man can meet women in grocery stores, the laundromat, at church and there are a lot of women in the club," assures Michael Todd, a 34-year-old bachelor.

And who said politics makes strange bedfellows? "I met plenty of women along the campaign trail," adds Michael. Says Gene Marsh, single and 33, "Political, social and civic activities bring men in contact with many interesting women." "The women who attend political events are more serious," nods Milton Todd, 32.

On the other hand, Charlotte's night clubs, as a place to meet women, pose more disadvantages than advantages these men concede. Clubs have "a negative stigma" and are "places better for dancing than picking up," and are "places where women have price tags attached to them," the comments go. Michael maintains, "Women are on the defensive in clubs. They already have the notion that men are there to pick up, so women come in ready to play."

Play what? "Games," tells Frank Emery, a 26-year-old bachelor. "Women have so many hoops they want a man to jump through." But, Gene admits, "Men do play games, too. There are so many women, men have so many choices. They can afford to be blasé about a relationship." Then Milton decides, "Men play games because they are forced to by women who play games."

However, when they put the issue of game playing aside, these men



Bernard King
Businessman

unanimously agree that Charlotte has a large supply of nice, attractive, single women. "There are a lot of beautiful women here," reports Bernard. "And some of them are really tough!"

Not too good to be true, though, Charlotte women still do some things that can really get under a guy's skin. "Women wonder why men don't want to deal with them on a more meaningful level then, in the same breath, they talk about how horrible black men are," complains Frank.

And what bothers Bernard is, "So many women around the ages of 28 to 33 are on a time clock. They want to get married and have children and they give a relationship a sense of being rushed. They should just let things progress naturally."

In agreement, Michael adds, "Women want to immediately characterize a relationship, asking, 'Where do I stand?' That hurts a relationship. Time dictates what you have."

Any other problems? "Yes," interjects Milton. "They are still searching for that knight in shining armor. Women are caught up in the soap opera syndrome; looking for a Blake Carrington."

Is no one to speak in defense of the female? Apparently, chivalry is absolutely dead.

Rightly so, according to these men. Women want to be independent, right? And these men affirm, they are not frightened or intimidated by the prospect.

"Independent women are attrac-



Eugene Marsh
Engineer

tive to me," assures Frank. "I like a woman who has a definite sense of herself, with her own set of interests and goals." "A man who wants a woman who can't think for herself and can't do for herself is not a quality man," reveals Gene.

Moreover, to Milton, the more independent and assertive the woman the better. "The right woman will grab a man by the collar and say, 'Hey, what are you going to do?'"

Then to clear up one other misconception, most of the guys interviewed claim they're more than willing to be friends with women. "Most men want to establish a friendship," says Gene. "Friendships provide comfort and are everlasting." "Men want to be



T. Michael Todd
Attorney

friends," points out Frank. "It's the only way to get to know someone well." Nevertheless, Michael remains a little skeptical, stating, "Friendship is a good start but how do you control something like that?"

A good question; which only goes to illustrate, when all is said and done, the intricacies of the dating scene in Charlotte cannot be explained in concise black and white terms. "There are a lot of gray areas," analyzes Bernard. But don't despair. Charlotte's men are concerned. And to prove it, they offer the following hopefully helpful tips to women.

"A woman should be articulate with an openness and honesty about herself," notes Gene.

Claims Frank, "If a woman im-



Frank Emery
Attorney

poses high expectations on a man, he will naturally live up to them."

"Women need to talk to men," says Bernard. "Tell men what you're looking for and ask what he's looking for. If you don't ask you won't know."




Milton Todd
Sales Counselor

"To thine ownself be true," professes Milton, "and you'll get what you want."

"But most importantly," concludes Michael, "give a brother a chance to make a mistake. Every-one makes errors."

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Planned For Tuesday

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a seminar, titled "Doing Business With M-WBE's", Tuesday, September 24, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The seminar, which includes lunch, is \$25 per person.

On Thursday, September 26, the Chamber will host a book review of "What They Don't Teach You At Harvard Business School." The program will last from noon until 1:30. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

In addition to the above activities, the Small Business Division of the Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its Small Business Enterprises, Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprises of 1985. Interested persons should call the Chamber at 377-6911 to request nominations or to make reservations for the seminar and book review.

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music "you can't let go." "I try to read at least two novels a week, preferring non-fiction," Lisa continues. And, her most loved pastime is going out with friends in her free time. Also, Lisa works part-time as a receptionist for West Coast Studios Hair Salon. "It's a really nice job," she relates.

Compared to New York, this attractive young lady says she likes Charlotte. But she definitely misses her hometown. "It's so hard to find things to do in Charlotte. In New York they seem to find you. But what I think I miss most is my family," she concludes.

Hours Change

Discovery Place and the Nature Museum have changed their hours. From September until May, Discovery Place will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., weekdays; from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturdays; and from 1-6 p.m., Sundays.

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