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Opinions On The Street

Who Is Your Favorite Entertainer?

People spend millions and millions of dollars every year on entertainment. Entertainment is a way of relaxing after a week's hard work or as a break from the sometimes hum-drum everyday world. Individual choices of entertainment are as varied as the kinds and numbers of entertainers.

This week, The Post asked shoppers at Outlet Square who their favorite entertainer is and why. Here's what they had to say.

Olivia Duff, an accounts receivable clerk who lives on Graymont Drive, chose an entertainer who is best known as an actor and co-

median. "I like Eddie Murphy," she replied. "He's crazy."

Willie Wilmore, retired, of Salem Drive, named a singer and musician. At first he couldn't seem to make up his mind, but then decided. "Stevie Wonder," Wilmore declared. "I love his music." His favorite is, "I Just Called To Say I Love You."

Tony Reaves is a production worker living on Frew Road. "My favorite entertainer," he responded after thinking a minute, "is Lionel Richie. He writes beautiful music."

Payment processor Bessie

Cheeks, of Fairmont Street, liked "Purple Rain." "Why, I don't know," she added. "It's crazy."

Hazeline L. Grier is a retired pastry cook living on Gene Avenue. Ms. Grier couldn't recall the name of a particular gospel singer she likes but declared, "I love the '700 Club' and gospel music. I also enjoy the 'Donahue Show.' He has such a variety."

Lawyer India Keith, of Stanwyck Court, named Bob Hope as her favorite entertainer. "Because he can reach all generations," she explained. "His humor has no bounds; it reaches all generations."

Susan Green: Ferraro's Candidacy Opened Doors For Women In Politics

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When Geraldine Ferraro was chosen as the first female vice presidential candidate for a major American political party, her selection was greeted with mixed reactions, to say the least. Women in politics have had to overcome many barriers, as have women in other male-dominated professions.

Susan Green, who just completed two terms as Mecklenburg County Commissioner and led in the Democratic primary for the 9th Congressional District (she lost in the runoff), thinks Ferraro's candidacy has opened doors for women in politics. "We're going to be seeing positive rippling effects of her as a role model for years to come," Green asserts. "The numbers of women who think they can run for office, and succeed in running for high office are going to increase exponentially. It's easy for a woman to compare herself to her and say, 'Hey, I can do that!'"

Green relates that she went to see Ferraro before deciding to run for Congress. As Green reached across the desk to use the phone, Ferraro interrupted her and told her to sit behind the desk to see what it felt like to be a member of Congress. "It felt good," declares Green.

Green comments on what she sees as the differences in running for office between men and women. "Potential supporters want to see a woman candidate in person," she notes. "This is a prerequisite. Women have to pass, have to make the grade. Word-of-mouth endorse-



ment are readily accepted among men, and women are not men." She advises that this fact of life is just an additional test that women candidates need to plan for and deal with, but that it's not an insurmountable challenge.

With female voters, being a woman candidate is not enough, Green states. "Being a woman is not enough to draw the support of women voters," she says. "Women voters are individuals; they make decisions differently."

Green believes that women voters need to feel comfortable with ambitious and achieving women candidates. "It's important for a woman candidate to establish a sense of identity with a woman voter, to make a woman believe that she,

too, could stand in those shoes. It's a challenge to do that in a way that's not threatening or intimidating," she adds. Green admits that, too frequently, both women voters and candidates are subject to stereotypes.

On the local level, party finances and decision-making are still oriented largely to men, she remarks, and adds, "I was very disappointed no woman Democrat was recruited to run for County Commission."

Ruth Easterling was recently elected to her fifth term as Democratic Representative for the 58th State House District, which covers a cross-section of the city. While noting that she has by now been in politics long enough to have overcome a lot of the obstacles that women encounter, she admits there are indeed obstacles.

"Women have always had a hard time in any field that they enter that is normally occupied by men," she begins. "I would say women have a hard time raising money to run a campaign, and they have difficulty in being taken seriously." Referring to women in the State Legislature, she relates, "They think you're somebody's secretary or somebody's wife." How has she dealt with that? "You laugh it off and tell them who you are," she advises.

Easterling feels there is a growing acceptance of women in the political arena, although they still, by and large, are not where the power is. "Women are not chosen to chair the financial committees," she observes. "There has never been a

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