

# Meet the Bachelors

## The Class of 2007

"In many ways, Ace Weekly's Bluegrass Bachelor Ball and Charity Date Auction is a lot like a Presidential Primary. The field is full of attractive options, each one dressed to impress with a winning smile. You do not have to make a decision right away; you have 24 hours to examine the nominees and their positions in this issue of Ace. After your research, you then have the option of meeting the Bachelors in person and having them answer the tough questions you may have. The nominees, I mean Bachelors, are more than eager to let you know their positions on matters of importance, be it the economy or the substitution pattern of the UK Basketball Coach. And how does this all make a difference? Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell would be proud of this event, because your money is literally your vote. And while you may sometimes feel your vote may not make a difference, your dollars certainly will. Proceeds from the Bachelor Auction will benefit Woodford Humane Society. Republicans and Democrats can all agree on this: saving puppies is not just a good thing, it is a great thing."

—Kevin Faris, Ace, 2004

(Bluegrass Bachelor Alum Class of 2001; married summer 2007)



Welcome to the annual Bluegrass Bachelor issue and the Class of 2007. This year, there's something for everyone. If you thought past classes were too young, or too old—this one's Just Right—ranging from 24 to 52, surely you can all work within a three-decade span.

They do share a couple things in common...several of them responded to the question about their Sunday afternoons with an admitted affinity for watching (or playing) football. (Hey, it's better you know now. At least they're honest.) And two of them just read the same book. *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson (what are the odds?). Refreshingly, none mentioned Harry Potter.

Also, they all love puppies, or they definitely would not be doing this. It is solely based on their adoration for the mission of Woodford Humane Society that they are subjecting themselves to your harshest scrutiny.

We hope you enjoy the...“wares”...from a 24-year-old radio producer to a 30-something doctor, and a 50-something beloved local sportscaster; we've even got a couple men in uniform

(police and navy). This year's class even boasts that especially elusive, rare breed: the General Contractor (if you don't get the winning bid on his date, you could always just hire him to build an addition onto your house.)

This issue is merely meant to serve as an Introduction. To truly enjoy the full package, you'll need to shell out \$25 bucks and come to Old Tarr Distillery, Thursday, November 1, at 899 Manchester Street.

Ladies—bring your checkbooks, because after you've browsed, you may just want a lease/purchase option. (After the Silent Auction, you can make those checks payable directly to Woodford Humane Society.)

Gentlemen—bring your 'A' game, because while there's a finite number of Bachelors on the Auction Block, there will be single women in abundant attendance.

Happy Hour starts at 6pm. Don't be late!

### Michael Cox

Director of Advertising & Marketing, Pieratt's Inc.

Age: 31

Education: BA, University of South Carolina; and MFA, Savannah College of Art & Design

Prior Marriages: None

Kids: None

Height: 6' / Weight: 185 lbs.

*How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective date about you?* I did ask one close friend the question above and her answer was: “a wicked sense of humor (so at least I make her laugh too), always polite, very respectful to women, like Indiana Jones but not as dangerous, tips well at restaurants, and not a sloppy drunk.”

*What's the best meal you ever had in Lexington?* My brother is the chef at the Mouse Trap in Lansdowne Center, so pretty much any holiday dinner made between he and my mother is the best meal in Lexington. They both make excellent food! And if you haven't had the Pimiento Cheese at the Mouse Trap, do yourself a favor and try some.

*What's in your iPod (or CD player) right now?* The CD player in my car has some old stuff: Dave Matthews *Crash* CD and U2's *Joshua Tree*. My mp3 player is used for exercising so mostly energetic music: a lot of punk stuff, from Green Day & blink 182 to Sum 41 & Fall Out Boy.

*What's the last book you read?* Dan Brown's *Deception Point*. I read it on the plane to and from Rio last month. Not a bad book, but the trip was much more interesting.

*What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?* Dan in *Real Life* with Steve Carrell. It was a lot of fun. Funny, excruciatingly uncomfortable in one particular moment (the bowling alley scene).

*Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl?* Paris Hilton, baby. Okay, so that's not true. I'll go with Giada De Laurentis—she's a chef and appears on the *Today Show* frequently. She's witty, has a great personality, is drop-dead gorgeous, and as a bonus, can make some excellent Italian!

*Complete the sentence, “I like to spend my Sunday afternoons...”* One of two ways: either sleeping in and having a lazy day around the house, or out having an adventure outside Lexington—It depends on what I did Saturday night.)

*Biggest dating pet peeve:* Lack of enthusiasm. If you've agreed to out with someone, find a way to make it fun! If you don't click romantically with the person, that's okay—just have a good time.

*Fill in the blank: A low-cut, revealing top is Sexy, but the confidence to not need to show it all off is SexIER.*

*How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?* It was either this way or the Russian Mafia. I didn't want to be sold in some Eastern Bloc nation, so here I am. At least this way some unfortunate little animals will benefit from my sale. Of course, if this works, I might try selling ALL my dates.

*ESSAY QUESTION: tell us the funniest thing that's ever happened to you on a date?* Oh, easy one. I had a big crush on a girl my sophomore year in college down in Carolina. I finally found the nerve to ask her out, and decided to take her to dinner and the comedy club. Our dinner was nice and I was feeling pretty good about the whole thing. Unfortunately, I wasn't familiar with the comic that night, and he specialized in red-neck, gross-out humor. It was pretty horrible to sit there and listen to toilet-humor jokes all night with a girl I hardly knew and wanted to impress. I could barely look in her direction for the entire show, and it pretty much killed the evening. We didn't end up going out again. Most. Uncomfortable. Date. Ever. ■



## Tim Ansted

Radio Producer

Age: 24

Education: Centre College (soccer player),

BA in History/Minors in Anthropology and Spanish

Prior Marriages : None

Kids : None

Height: 6'1 / Weight: 170lbs



Tim (center) at Trafalgar Square

**How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective date about you?** Well hopefully they would talk me up, but that is doubtful. In a perfect world they would say that I am a fun guy who loves sports, his job, meeting new people, and living in Lexington.

**What's the best meal you ever had in Lexington?** Just about anything that does not involve my microwave.

Seriously though, I like patios and barbeque, so I will go with a meal outside at Billy's.

**What's in your iPod (or CD player) right now?** Probably some artist or group that nobody has ever heard of such as Mika, Athlete, or Arcade Fire.

**What's the last book you read?** *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer, a true account of a catastrophic climb to the top of Mt. Everest. Very compelling storytelling. One of the best non-fiction books I have ever read.

**What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?** *Death Sentence*. My friend looked up the wrong time of another movie, so we got stuck with this one.

**Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl:** Erin Andrews—ESPN Sideline Reporter for College Football and Basketball. She may be the closest thing to perfect. ESPN and college sports are two of my most favorite things and she goes hand in hand with both of these. The fact that she knows more about sports than most men allows me to forgive her for attending the University of Florida

**Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons..."** Doing something active such as playing football, basketball, or soccer.

**Biggest dating pet peeve.** Answering the cell phone during a date

**Fill in the blank: Getting all dressed up to go out is sexy, but looking good in sweats with your hair up is sexier.**

**How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?** Nervous, but I am not expecting anyone to have any overdraft problems.

**ESSAY QUESTION: what's the funniest thing that ever happened to you in soccer?** I told this on the air the other day...I was playing in a soccer tournament in Cincinnati quite a few years back, probably about 12 years ago, and my team had lost the first game so we were in a hole and could not afford to have any more setbacks. Goal differential and goals allowed were the tiebreakers, so it was imperative that we score lots of goals and not concede any in order to give us the best chances of advancing to the next round. In the very next game, our goalie was scrambling to take the ball away from the other team when he slipped and fell to the ground. I, who has been a defensive player my whole life was the only player on my team who could help out the goalie, and ran back in an attempt to stop the other team from scoring. I got to the goal line and stood in the goal—obviously I could not use my hands and the other team's player had the entire goal to shoot at. He teed up the ball and fired it my way and let's just say it came right at my ...midsection. I took it, immediately fell to the ground, and had to leave the game. It was the equivalent to something you would see on America's Funniest Home Video's with a father and son playing baseball in the backyard and the kid swinging away towards an unhappy ending for the dad. Obviously this was not very funny to me at the time, but our team won, and advanced in the tournament. My teammates and their parents would get a kick out of the aforementioned play for years.... ■

## How to Buy a Bachelor (and save a Puppy) in 10 easy steps

1. Come to Old Tarr Distillery at 899 Manchester Street (access Manchester Street from the Jefferson Street viaduct that runs between High Street and Main Street), on Thursday, November 1, at 6pm.

2. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets at the door are \$25 (cash only please, no credit cards).

3. After doors open at 6pm, mix, mingle, meet, and greet. Read up on the Bachelors.

4. Bachelors will take the stage at 7pm. WTVO's Megan Newquist will introduce each Bachelor and they'll answer a few questions.

5. As soon as Megan has introduced the Bachelor, the Silent Auction bidding will begin!! EACH BACHELOR will have a separate bid sheet. Each bachelor date includes concert tickets provided by Troubadour concert series. No pushing/shoving please!! Be polite.

6. BIDDING CLOSSES AT 8pm.

7. Once the bids have been calculated, WKQQ's Dennis Dillon will bring EACH bachelor back to the stage and announce the winning Bid.

8. Proceed to the stage and meet your bachelor. Pause for a photo.

9. You will be escorted to the Woodford Humane Society table where you will make your check payable, in the amount of your winning bid, directly to Woodford Humane Society. Sign hold harmless release form. (For example, if you accidentally, after the Auction, marry a bachelor who turns out to be your cousin, raise children, and end up in a bitter divorce dispute five years from now, you still have to release Ace, WKQQ, and Woodford Humane from any liability....Though we'd probably be glad to write a story about it later.).

10. Exchange business cards with your Bachelor. Make arrangements to meet at the Concert and get acquainted.

Helpful Hint: don't arrive fashionably late. Doors open at 6pm, and they CLOSE at 9pm (it's a school night)! Ya don't have to go home, but ya can't stay here! ■

## Directions to Old Tarr Distillery

Old Tarr Distillery (voted Best Old Building Rehab by Ace Readers in the 2007 Best of Lexington Readers Poll) is located at 899 Manchester Street.

To get to Manchester Street, take High Street or Main Street to the Jefferson Street viaduct.

Once you turn on to Manchester Street, you'll immediately see the entrance to Rupp's Cox Street parking lot. Go 2/10 of a mile.

Don't blink, and you'll see Old Tarr on the right; Parking is on the left, at the corner of Manchester and Pine Street. ■



## Dr. Satya Reddy

Age: 31  
Education: University of Rochester; and UK Med School  
Prior Marriages: None  
Kids: None  
Height: 5'10" / Weight: 175 lbs.

**What's the best meal you ever had in Lexington?**

Goodfellas pizza—best pie in town.

**What's in your iPod (or CD player) right now?** All American Rejects, Bowling for Soup, Lorena McKennitt, Lily Allen

**What's the last book you read?** *Confessions of an Economic Hitman*

**What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?** *Pirates of the Caribbean III*—a visual feast.



**Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl:** Cameron Diaz

**Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons..."** Brunch, reading the Sunday paper, and (in the fall) football.

**Biggest dating pet peeve:** inhibition to laugh

**Fill in the blank:** A miniskirt is Sexy, but full-length is SexIER

**How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?** I guess I'll finally know what I'm worth and how much life insurance to buy.

**ESSAY QUESTION: what's the funniest thing that happened to you as a UK medical resident?** I don't think I can answer this without violating HIPPA laws but I have had days which mirrored episodes of *Scrubs*. ■

## Mike A. Wells

Occupation: General Contractor  
Age: 28  
Education: Bachelor's in Economics  
Prior Marriages: None  
Kids: None  
Height: 6' / Weight: 175 lbs.

**How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective date about you?** He would say Mike is hard working, likes any activity that involving the outdoors. He is a people person, adventurous, and occasionally likes to take a walk on the wild side.

**What's the best meal you ever had in Lexington?** I don't know if it's the best meal I've had in Lexington, but Bellini's serves a chicken dish I love!

**What's the last book you read?** *The Alchemist*

**What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?** *The Kingdom*, I thought it was great, but the outcome was a little unrealistic (no FBI casualties).

**Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl?** Eva Mendes

**Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons..."** Taking it easy or enjoying the day when it is nice outside."

**Biggest dating pet peeve:** Reliability/tidiness.

**Fill in the blank:** An exceptional smile is Sexy, but a woman's self confidence is SexIER

**How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?** I feel a little nervous and excited at the same time about the whole thing, but the nerves are worth if it's for a great charity.

**ESSAY QUESTION: What's the Naughtiest thing any housewife ever assigned you to do as a contractor?** I keep it professional. (Sorry!!!)



## Jason Phillips (MonkeyBoy)

Afternoon Co-host, WLAP-AM; Nights on WKQQ-FM. Yes, that's a lot of talkin'.  
Age: 36  
Education: B.A. Communication, Indiana University Southeast. Although many assume I have a B.S. in B.S.  
Prior Marriages: None  
Kids: None; Why what have you heard?  
Height: 6'2" / Weight: 220 lbs.

**How would your best friends describe you if they were**

**telling a prospective date about you?** I sure as heck hope they would lie. I mean, seriously? They don't even know my date.

**What's the best meal you ever had in Lexington?** Chicken burritos from El Toro never fail to provide me happiness in this topsy-turvy world.

**Describe the best date you could go on in Lexington for under 20 bucks?** 20 bucks, huh? Well, we start by buying a \$19.99 bottle of booze. Next, we go to the Waffle House. Eat like royalty. Run out without paying. For the next part, we find a hobo. We take the hobo to the movie theatre. In exchange for a little booze, the hobo fakes a seizure creating a sufficient distraction for me and my date to waltz into the movie undetected. Once inside, we chug the booze and see where else the night takes us (most likely, jail).

**What's in your iPod (or CD player) right now?** As of this printing, Ryan Adams, *Gold* is in the CD player.

**What's the last book you read?** Holy crap! I can't believe I have an intelligent answer to this! *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson. I even made it to the end...Man, people sure seemed to like that Lincoln guy.

**What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?** *Talladega Nights*. I know, it's been a while since I've been to the movies. But, it was hilarious and tragically overlooked in the Oscar race.

**Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl:**

Renee Zellweger. She seems genuine, fun and rakes in about \$12 mil a movie.

**Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons..."** Hopefully, taking a long walk in the park. Laughing at the two squirrels fighting over an acorn. Marveling at the changing leaves. Aw, heck. I can't lie. I like to watch football on Sunday.

**Biggest dating pet peeve:** I have two. 1. When my date answers questions regarding dinner or movies with, "I don't care." It's okay to offer up opinions. Plus, most of the time, that's my answer. 2. When my mom is late picking us up.

**Fill in the blank:** Ginger is Sexy, but Mary Ann is SexIER. However, I hear Mrs. Howell is a total freak...If you know what I mean.

**How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?** It makes me want to throw up a little bit. I just hope someone will need to write a check and not just gather the change from their couch. Just remember ladies: No matter how repulsive you find me...It's for the puppies. You like puppies, don't you?

**ESSAY QUESTION: How would you describe the differences between an Avid Fan; a Groupie; and a Stalker—please cite examples from personal experience:** Well, WKQQ has been around since '74 so there are lots of avid fans. Most of the people



who could be considered fans of me fall into this category. We talk to people everyday that say that they remember the day QQ signed on. And I'm sure one day when I'm found

dead from autoerotic asphyxiation in the Catalina Motel, they will like the next guy or gal just as much.

Now, your groupies are a more specific bunch, more loyal to a specific DJ (or DJs). My experiences have been few and far between with groupies but, their enthusiasm is always wel-

come...Until...they slip into the Stalker category. Very few fans ever go into stalker mode. But, having a person who tracks everything you do does have its advantages. If you lose your keys? Just ask your stalker. Can't remember what you had for dinner last night? Your stalker is there with the answer. ■

## Todd Wright

Occupation: U.S. Navy Reserve (Commander)

Age: 43

Education: BA (History) Asbury College 86;

J.D. (Law) UK 96

Prior Marriages: One

Kids: None

Height: 6'3 / Weight: 205 lbs.

*How would your best friends describe you if they were telling a prospective date about you?*

Unconventional...in a good way.

*What's the best meal you ever had in Lexington?*

Cracker Barrel. Just kidding. I believe it was Bison at Jonathan at Gratz Park.

*Describe the best date you could go on in Lexington for under 20 bucks?* I like to go to the Legends games. Of course, you couldn't eat very much.

*What's in your iPod (or CD player) right now?* A Bob Marley live collection I bought at Starbucks.



*What's the last book you read?* *A New Earth* by Eckhardt Tolle. Life changing.

*What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?* *Ratatouille*. I took a couple of kids with me. I recommend it.

*Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl:* Tea Leoni, because she seems very intelligent but not self-absorbed.

*Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons..."* Doing whatever I please. I might go to the bookstore, have a cappuccino and read, go for a run at the arboretum, or watch football.

*Biggest dating pet peeve:* Never having a suggestion as to what might be fun to do.

*Fill in the blank: Fashion is Sexy, but style is SexIER*

*How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?* Humbled

**ESSAY QUESTION: Tell us the best thing and worst thing about dating a naval commander.**

The best thing is (are), of course, the uniforms. The Navy has the best. The Navy has always been there for me whenever I have needed a job, whether right out of college or today. So the worst thing is that I will go if the Navy ever needs me to return the favor. ■

## Adam Dennis

Lexington Police Officer

Age: 24

Education: BA from UK

Prior Marriages: None

Kids: None

Height: 6' / Weight: 170 lbs.



*Describe the best date you could go on in Lexington for under 20 bucks?* Wow, you can't even eat at Arby's for under 20 bucks anymore. I would have to say paddle boats at Regattas followed by a movie that's On-Demand!

*What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?* *30 Days of Night*. It was pretty freaky.

*Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl* Megan Fox. She is absolutely gorgeous and is not a sissy.

*Biggest dating pet peeve:* Girls who chew with their mouths open

*Fill in the blank: Brad Pitt is Sexy, but Adam Dennis is SexIER*

*How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?* Well now that you've put it in that light, should I even show up on the 1st? No, I think it is pretty exciting and should yield some funny stories I can share with people. Most importantly it is for a good cause.

**ESSAY QUESTION: Tell us what girls would like best about dating a Lexington police officer.** I feel that correct question would be, what *wouldn't* you like about dating a Lexington Police officer! No, for those who haven't dated the police before, it's probably unlike anything else. We are straightforward, brutally honest, dead serious, pranksters, and jokesters all in one package. We can offer a helping hand, a shoulder to lean on, and an ear to listen. We get three days off in a row (depending on if overtime is available) and we are never short on stories to share from the wonderful world of being the police. Most importantly, we look damn good in a uniform! I feel like instead of me talking it up, why don't you try dating a police officer and then let ME know what the best thing is! ■

## Dick Gabriel

Occupation: Sportscaster—Host Communications/ UK Network

Age: 52

Education: BA from UK

Prior Marriages: One

Kids: Two

Height: 6" / Weight: 210lbs.

*What's the best meal you ever had in Lexington?* Probably something at Giuseppe's.

*What would be the best date you could go on in Lexington for under 20 bucks?* Keeneland! Of course, it depends on how much you drink (betting's not a money issue if you do it right)

*What's in your iPod (or CD player) right now?* Mike Birbiglia's latest CD (comedian)

*What's the last book you read?* *Manhunt* (it's about how John Wilkes Booth nearly escaped after assassinating Lincoln)

*What's the last movie you saw in a theatre?* *Michael Clayton*, just last night. FanTASTic...

*Name a Celebrity who best typifies your Dream Girl:* Elle MacPherson. Tall, athletic, hot, sexy accent, nice bank account (remember—you said "Dream Girl")

*Complete the sentence, "I like to spend my Sunday afternoons..."* Chilling on my couch, reading, and watching football...

*Biggest dating pet peeve* Women who want to spend too much of our time bitching about their ex(es).

*Fill in the blank: Paul is Sexy, but Ringo is SexIER*

*How do you feel knowing anyone with a checkbook can buy a date with you on Thursday evening?* Just happy to be helping the puppies.



**ESSAY QUESTION: what is the most interesting thing that ever happened to you on a UK sports date?**

I've actually never BEEN on a UK sports date. I'm always working UK home games; I had a girlfriend who once used her feminine wiles to get me to turn OFF the TV when UK was on...pretty sneaky.