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Wrapping up our Bachelor of the Year photo shoot. Pictured from left to right: Dan's *Wesley* (Season 2000), Catherine Davies (CBS), Kelly Starvo (CBS), Ben Wolfe (Bachelor of 2010), Anne Croushore (Photography by Anne), Ashton Kelley (CBS), Tom Starobin (CBS), Nicole Muldrees (Photography by Anne), Maggie Washo (CBS).



## WHAT WON'T YOU BE DOING THIS YEAR?

Every January we make our lists of things we are going to do/ accomplish during the impending year. I think it might be easier if we all made lists of what we were NOT going to do. Then as 2012 approached, we might feel a little bit better about another year we've wasted.

Lose ten pounds? Not going to happen. World peace? Not likely. Save money? Right. That one will go right out the window on January 1st when all of my favorite stores have the "get rid of the Christmas crap" sales.

Here are a few more things I will NOT be doing this year.

1) I will NOT make it to every social event I am invited to. I would like to come, but sometimes I need some alone time.

2) I will NOT leave my lights on when I leave the house.

3) I will NOT stop dancing at the Fred Astaire Dance studio. I've met so many interesting people and had fun shaking my booty this year.

4) I will NOT get through the whole year without making someone angry about the editorial in CH2 & CB2. It is never my intention to offend people; I guess I just have a knack for it. (See page 18).

5) I will NOT learn to speak French this year. I would really like to, but wanting and doing are two different things.

6) I will NOT win the lottery.

7) I will NOT forget to thank all of our readers for putting up with us every month.

Happy New Year from all of us at CH2 & CB2!

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I was stood up by C2's Bachelor of the Year. Okay, he didn't stand me up. He was merely 30 minutes late. Regardless, my tolerance for tardiness being nil, my brain started working overtime to determine how I would introduce this Johnny-come-lately to the world. Once we started chatting, he enthusiastically agreed that my first sentence (as printed above) was completely appropriate.

That's when Ben Wolfe won me over. By the end of the story, I suspect he'll have won you over, too.

Ben started wooing the women early. His first love was "Susie," a cute girl with a great sense of humor. "Susie" had an interest in the performing arts and was debuting in the school's production of *The Sound of Music*. Ben saw his opening and grabbed it. He was cast as Kurt (cue "So Long, Farewell" lyrics), and life has truly never been the same. Their spark eventually fizzled, as most fourth grade relationships do. However, thanks

to "Susie," Ben was introduced to another passion: theatre, which he pursued through his school days and into college. Today he is the performing arts director at Hilton Head Preparatory School.

After "Susie" Ben chuckles as he describes dating in his hometown of Sandersville, Georgia, where he attended a small private school and graduated with a class of merely 25—the same 25 kids with whom he started kindergarten. "It was hard to date; everyone knew everyone so well. It was like dating your sister. So there were a lot of group outings—dances mostly. Once, I could drive, movies and bowling were the only options, and we actually had to drive outside of Sandersville to do that," he said with a grin.

Now that the Lowcountry is his oyster, his perfect date around here would start with "seeing something—a baseball game, a movie, a show—then dinner, so we'd have something to talk about over our meal."



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**C2: If we asked an ex-girlfriend to tell us one thing about you, what would she say?**

**Ben:** "What? He told me his name was Juan."

**C2: Would you take the last sip of milk for your morning coffee?**

**Ben:** Well as an avid avoider of both milk and coffee, the last sip is always safe around me.

**C2: What was the last movie that made you cry?**

**Ben:** *Field of Dreams*. Every time. It's the magic corn.

**C2: What is currently in your Netflix queue?**

**Ben:** *Inception* and *Shawshank Redemption*.

**C2: What is the biggest misperception others have about you?**

**Ben:** That I'm really tall. Actually, they're just really short.

Ben doesn't take himself too seriously and he loves to crack a joke—obviously. In addition to his stellar wit, he is a hard worker; he likes to take care of the people he loves, and he is committed 110 percent to everything he does. Therefore, he's very selective about what he weaves into his life. *women included.*

He is the self-proclaimed pickiest person on the planet. "I have a little George Costanza in me," he said. Too much Costanza is likely a deal breaker for most women, so I asked Ben to elaborate. After some quick math to calculate his persona and liken it to characters on TV, he replied, "Fifty percent Ross Geller, 40 percent Jerry Seinfeld, and 10 percent George Costanza." By my calculation, that is 90 percent normal. I'd say that's pretty good odds ladies.

Since his pickiness may be his downfall, I thought I should give the single gals a little head start on landing Bachelor Ben. The three questions he will definitely ask you on a first date are as follows: What is your favorite outdoor sport? What type of music do you listen to? And, if you could spend your life working for a charity, which charity would it be? (Ben advises that the answer to question three should not be Al Qaeda.)

I have Ben's phone number and e-mail, and even though he hasn't formally asked (okay, he hasn't asked at all), I will be more than happy to screen any potential inquiries. Otherwise, you should just plan to attend the unveiling of the new Ben statue, which will likely be placed near a beach and a honey mustard stand.

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I like his strategy.

Ben has a hell of a sense of humor and, in fact, seeks the same in a mate. I asked him if he ever jumped ship because a date just wasn't funny or didn't find him funny. As expected, his reply was dripping with sarcasm. "Listen, I'm not going to ditch a date at dinner. I enjoy food too much. It's not worth missing a meal."

Admittedly, Ben is not actively looking for the future Mrs. Wolfe. "I'm not looking; I'm also not browsing Craig's List on a Friday night." (Good, because that would be creepy.) Two of Ben's fellow Hilton Head Prep teachers, Kathryn Ramsour-Riley and Tina Webb-Browning, nominated him for the bachelor contest. Ben says that he agreed to participate, recognizing that, for him, it would all be tongue-in-cheek. However, on the off chance that Carrie Underwood reads Q2, he is hoping that this could be the start of something beautiful.

The prize for the victor is \$3,000 (and this fabulous article). "Coincidentally, \$3,000 is the same price as my self-respect," said Ben. "So that worked out real well." He intends to spend every penny on a new car. (Good! Perhaps one that will assist him in getting places on time.) Ben is also expecting that once the Christmas trees come down in all of the island's traffic circles, a life-size statue of him will be erected. Yet, he'll continue to live life as a commoner and has "no plans to introduce a new walk or anything."

Now that he's won, it is also necessary that he be subjected to a barrage of questions. So, here we go.

Q2: What is the quality you most admire in a woman?

Ben: Sense of humor and the ability to help me in matching my shirts and ties.

Q2: What do you most value in your friends?

Ben: Dependability.

Q2: Who are your heroes?

Ben: My parents, my close friends and Ralph Nader.

Q2: What are your pet peeves?

Ben: Food smacking and that awkward doctor's waiting room silence.



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Q2: What is the most important thing in your life?

Ben: Succeeding personally and professionally to the degree that my success allows me to aid and support friends in need. Oh! And honey mustard. It just goes with anything.

Q2: Beer or wine?

Ben: Beer, if you're offering.

Q2: Hamburger or hot dog?

Ben: Do we really know what's in a hot dog? Always a burger for me.

Q2: Beach or mountains?

Ben: Mountains occasionally, but judging by my current location, I've made my sandcastle; now I lie in it.

Q2: If your house were on fire, what is the one thing you would save?

Ben: I am currently living alone with no pets. I know I'd grab my computer so I could update my Facebook status about the fire, then Facebook chat someone to call 911 for me.

Q2: What has been your most embarrassing moment?

Ben: Besides these surveys? You'd think I'd say the countless times I've burst open the seam of my pants while performing on stage, but somehow I've gotten used to that.

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