

## **Kevinandbeanarchive.com interview with Kevin Ryder 2-18-2013**

### **Where were you born and raised?**

Born and raised in Phoenix. Spent most of my time outdoors blowing stuff up and getting in trouble.

### **Did you go to school in Arkansas?**

Yes. Went to college in Arkansas because my older brother went there and I wanted to get away from home. Arkansas was butt-ass cold. And windy. And cold.

### **Was your major really English?**

Hard to believe, but yes. And I majored in English because it was easy for me. I wouldn't study and I'd get 100% on quizzes. Then, I started the long process of drinking and forgetting. Things.

### **You were a substitute teacher? What was that like?**

I was a substitute for about 3 months. I would say I didn't teach them anything but we had a good time. The kids liked me. The school didn't. It was then I was trying to get into radio, so I would substitute teach in the morning, and then drive to the radio station and drive the station van around in the afternoon. I was bad at both.

### **Were you a security guard at some point?**

Yes. That was one of my jobs while at college. What a joke of a security guard I was. The guy who would work before me from 6 pm to midnight would meet me at about 10 pm and then we would open the gym and play basketball till about 3 am during my shift. Got caught. Fired.

### **What other jobs did you have?**

In Phoenix I just wanted to stay outside, so I did landscaping for a while. We'd mow someone's lawn and then head to 7-11 for a slurpee.

### **What other radio stations?**

I started at the college station. Day 1, Sunday at 6 am, I was so nervous I started a record and went out to go to the bathroom. I locked myself out and

had to call the head of the Broadcasting Department at 6:05 am on a Sunday morning.

Then I worked at the local station in Arkansas, playing Rick Dees Weekly Top 40. That's where my "love affair" with Rick Dees was born. How could someone so fake be so successful?

**How do you decide who brings in clips from a TV show and how long does that take?**

We usually just alternate. It takes about twice as long as the show. So for a half hour show it usually takes about an hour. But that's not exactly work.

**How much TV do you watch?**

I watch a ton of TV shows. Most are shows I like. Some are shows we need for the radio. I have 4 DVRs and they're always busy. One of them is just Barcelona soccer, Galaxy soccer, Lakers basketball, and Cardinals football. The other 3 are for porn.

**What's the biggest misconception people have about you or the show?**

A lot of people think I'm white.

**Name a few things that you feel have been most successful on the show.**

It's the people. Ralph Garman is a genius. Jimmy Kimmel was a genius. Matt Money Smith was a dude. Bean and I are just ring-masters.

**Name some embarrassments.**

You don't have that sort of time or space.

**What was your favorite April Fool's joke?**

The Mall of America West was the best. We had the entire city fooled into the fact that the World's Largest Mall had opened in Anaheim, "just off the 5". We had pre-interviewed several of the Dodgers saying just come down to get photos. The Anaheim chamber of commerce called to complain.

But the best ending was the "breakfast with Blink 182". We had them down the station and recorded a breakfast and then told people it was happening live.

Our general manager forced his way into the studio and told us we HAD to stop. And he wanted us to go on the air and apologize. Bean made him do it. Boy was he pissed.

**What do you miss most about the pre-Janet Jackson wardrobe malfunction, and before the FCC and your company started living up your asses?**

I miss being able to do whatever we want to do. Before then it was all just fun. Any time lawyers enter the picture, it all gets SO MUCH MORE COMPLICATED, and sucks so much more, it's not possible to explain. I'll probably be done with this nonsense in a year or two.

**What's the biggest amount of work for the smallest payoff and the smallest amount of work for the biggest payoff?**

It's impossible to tell. You never know. A lot of times it's the off the cuff stuff that people remember and not the stuff you really work on.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Nuclear physics. Poker. Molecular Biology.

**What would your listeners be most surprised to find out about you?**

That I'm a black woman.

**How did you meet your wife Melissa?**

I was dancing for The Thunder From Down Under and she was at a bachelor party. Or she worked at KROQ.

**What is your role with your charity Friends and Helpers (<http://www.friendsandhelpers.org/>)?**

This one gets a serious answer because it's the thing I'm most proud of. I'm in charge of fundraising. Organizing is not my strength. My wife and a group of really dedicated board members who donate their time run things.

**What was the story of you driving away during the show?**

It was about 7:30 am. We started a song and I ran down to my car to get something out of it. On the way down I started thinking of other things, and then my habits just kicked in. I went down to my car. Got in. Pulled out and

stopped at the stop light. Turned on my radio and heard our show. That was a little embarrassing.

**What's your hat size?**

145.

**Favorite bands?**

- 1) Rage Against the Machine
- 2) Muse
- 3) Eminem
- 4) Foo Fighters
- 5) Nine Inch Nails
- 6) Cypress Hill
- 7) Plain White T's
- 8) Just kidding about the Plain White T's

**Favorite movies?**

The Hangover, The Borne Identity (Borne series), Zero Dark Thirty, Ghostbusters, Planes Trains and Automobiles, The 3 Daniel Craig 007 movies, a lot of scary movies, Step Brothers, and most Will Ferrell movies.

That has to be enough. I'm boring me.