

Episode 2007

The university tower chimes ring in another episode of Ask the Professor. The show in which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio and let me introduce to you our panel for today, to my right, from the department of Biology, it's professor. Greg Grabowski.

Hey!

What's going on Greg?

Not much! Just giving lots of exams

Oh ya, what classes you teaching this semester?

Physiology, Pathophysiology, and God bless the Freshmen.

(Both laugh)

Are they gonna make it?

Yes! Actually I was beyond thrilled because I have a whole bunch of them before my first exam, actually show up to ask questions. So there is hope.

Very good.

Ya, I was thrilled.

Awesome. So, that's a full complement! Physio and pathophys and just everything?

I run a tight ship.

Ya, she does.

Not that I'm doubting you!

She doesn't mess around.

Right. We're being joined again today by Ask the Professor fan Hank Durkin. We're very glad to have you here for homecoming at Detroit Mercy this weekend.

Glad to be here I feel like I'm in theater, as I'm an acting professor.

Ya, we'll take it, you know?

And you act it well.

I accept the nominee and thank everyone, that's awesome.

Mhm, I've got a couple of open sections that I need adjuncts for, soooo.

(All laugh)

Come on over!

I'm surprised Stephanie didn't say anything yet!

Still?

Oh!

No, next semester.

Oh, well I have a dozen. Ya, I have a lot.

Summer schedule right? Due in a couple weeks? Is that much?

Oh I forgot that email.

I usually wait for the reminder email.

Oh ya, at least the second reminder, at least the second reminder.

But again, Professor Jim Tubbs is here from the department of religious studies, enjoying cheese and remembering coconut cakes.

Hello hello!

Hello hello!

It's a weekend of southern foods. What are we missing here?

Pecan pie

I can think of one thing, because I was thinking of it this morning. We haven't talked about pies, one of my favorites is buttermilk pie. Which, the best thing about it is it does not taste like buttermilk. It tastes kind of like lemon.

Yeah! I know what you're referring to.

Its good! It's very good.

I uttered oatmeal pie, at some point during our last show, so I've got pie on the mind.

I got peach cobbler on the mind.

And uh, pumpkin pie.

Pumpkin south here.

It's a time for the great end of summer treats and beginning of harvest treats as we wrap up Summer 2019.

Continuing around the table, I just realized the dyad made at this table by the former and current chair of the Department of Biology. It's professor Stephanie Conant.

Hello!

That's kind of interesting.

I am very excited for caramel apple season.

Oh, absolutely! Come on, let's get serious here.

It's time for a honey crisp apple to be dipped in caramel. That actually sounds really good right now.

Yeah. Evidently Nino's is my favorite place to shop, but they also have a caramel apple bar where you can just request what you would like it dipped and rolled in.

You don't even need a dip! Can you just get a bubble tea straw and just go at it?

I can't help but remember an episode of the Simpsons where Homer tried to pass off full milky ways as sprinkles on a donut. I'm guessing something similar, where you get like gummybears on that thing, right?

Yes! Or Oreos, totally covered in Oreos.

Oh my Gosh!

Yeah, that's uh, yeah that's hard core. I'm trying to think of a fall themed thing to do with the boys this weekend. My wife has a history conference, and it's going to be like 90 tomorrow. Not happy.

Bring them here to homecoming?

Or hey they could edge a lawn right?

We'll see. We'll see how it all works out, we got to do some recruiting right professor Conant?

Right.

I'll talk to you after the show.

And last, but most certainly not least, he's already drawn dice and cheese, it's professor Dave Chow.

Pleasure to be here, as always.

Excellent, well what are you drawing now?

I'm just going to draw something.

Doodling!

I'm just doodling.

Should I get people to try to follow you on Instagram? Dave Chow Art?

I am already on there way to much.

Yeah! I think that is great.

I am minimally 3 or 4 times a day.

Yeah, cool! That's totally cool.

He's just a fiend!

You said, you know, good illustrators are always drawing and always looking for things to draw.

That's cool!

Are you taking requests online?

Well possibly? I don't know.

Are you doing inktober?

Inktober? I live it everyday!

My son did inktober last year and he actually had a pretty good time doing it with his buddies.

But we'll see if he's doing it this year.

Really? You need a month to do this?

Well you know, for the people who don't, or aren't Dave Chow, not everybody can be Dead files.

True, that was on last night!

Yes it was! I saw it.

I didn't.

Wait were you on it?

Yes.

Oh my Gosh! I missed the whole part that you were on.

Oh I didn't watch it, so.

Everybody should be watching the dead files, it's good for a

I heard it was good. But I haven't watched it yet!

Well this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything including, if you don't mind Dave, from some relatively low rate cable TV shows about communing with the dead.

Sure!

That's the theme? Communing with the dead?

And if you stump the panel, you can win one of our prizes. And if you don't stump the panel, you can win a prize too. You can send us the questions in a number of ways, you can email us at atp@udmercy.edu , you can reach us on the web at udmercy.edu/atp , find us on the Facebook, or listen to your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Okey dokey, look at this. Dear Matt and panelists, here it is into your new school year, and like we promised, we got a new set of 20 obscure questions for you and the panelists to tackle. I hope you find them challenging and worthy of spurring that always hilarious banter that comes with the responses. Our family had a great time coming up with the questions, please enjoy! Warmest wishes as always, Frank Burroughs of Valencia California.

Oh, the family came up with these questions.

Oh yes!

Child labor laws!

They have a round table every month. They put them all together, their crack team. Let's see what we can do. Oh, these are good, these are good. What Broadway musical featured a song titled "Hooverville".

Oh, Annie!

Annie, yes! Well, there is a whole bit of the show that's all about Herbert Hoover.

She even meets FDR.

Oh she does! That was like my favorite growing up I don't remember Hoover though.

Mhm, Hooverville! Hooverville was like depression era shanty towns if I remember. That's literally what the song was about.

Yes, that's what they were.

Yeah, they call them Hoovervilles, that's right.

Some on the National Mall.

What can you find, this is phrased interestingly, in Mary Poppin's hair. Let's go to the original Mary Poppins, there is something that's in her hair.

She's got a hat.

She does have a hat.

Straw isn't it?

It's not straw, but you're in the plant world.

Poppies? Sunflowers? Daisies?

Daisies! Yes, she wears daisies in her hair. Did you ever notice?

I thought those were on her hat?

Maybe! I don't know, okay. Uh, I did not see the uh, the new one.

I heard that was good!

It was pretty good.

Hamlet was a prince of what country?

Denmark!

Denmark, yes. It says he was the prince.

The melancholy gain.

Denmark. Okay, how about this one. In 1923 where was the majority of the world's extracted reserves of helium.

In the US!

It was like Texas, or something, wasn't it?

You know, you're going to need to be a little more specific.

Than Texas? Or like what?

I did have this conversation with my students this morning.

What? Like Palo Alto?

As we were looking over an exam key. Just in principle, because they were like, you know you didn't ask us for all that other information. So I waited for a beat and I said, when at any point in the four weeks of this course have I told you to aim low and give me the minimum. Everybody laughed, so I was like, Done! Moving on.

Are we talking like Akron, Ohio? Or something like that.

No! It's actually in a specific object. I think that's what makes this a funny question.

Herbert Hoover!

No, not Herbert Hoover.

You mean like a natural like place?

No not natural, it was human made!

Like a blimp?

It's in an air ship! The USS Shenandoah, yes! Apparently, that was the majority of extracted reserve of helium.

Oh, I thought it was like where you got it from, because like that was that whole thing with the Hindenburg.

That's right, well that was hydrogen right.

Yeah, that was Hydrogen, but we

Because we sell them Helium.

And the United States, as the greatest strategic helium reserve of any country in the world. Oh, it's strategic.

Yeah, it's called party city!

No, because I went there the other day and they were out of helium. Sooo, clearly not.

I can't help be at least a little bit green chemistry on the show today. Because the truth is that I believe all of us, no jokes intended, are going to live to see the day where we just don't have balloons filled with helium anymore. Maybe not even balloons anymore! Because we need that helium to liquify to run a NMR and MRI and if we don't have enough of it, balloons aren't going to win. With all due respect Stephanie, I have just noticed a lot of the outdoor balloons around my house have been filled with air and in these little supports so it looks like their floating.

There was a shortage of the reserves in mid-summer, and then it repeated again this month. So you know you go to party city of the dollar store and they said, sorry were experiencing
Hey! I can see it now, kids party balloons to be filled with hydrogen.

Oh yeah! And they'll all take up smoking at that point!

Oh my!

Hey little kid! Here, have a cigar! Have a tipperillo!

In what year did Volkswagen introduce the Golf.

71 or 82?

Oh man Jim. You're amazing, it says 75. It's just I feel like that's close enough you had the right idea. That was the tiny tiny car, isn't that right?

Yeah, I kinda like vaguely remember that.

We have again, again I also have three boys, like Professor Conant. We're going through a serious slug bug phase. And I'm like that's great, except for I'm driving the car.

You can't hit Dad while you're driving the car. My kids are obsessed with seeing Teslas all over.

Oh of course, of course.

They're like everywhere in Chicago. I was like, funny, I parked next to one at school the other day so.

Who's driving the Tesla?

Yeah, who?

It was faculty too.

Ohhhh, Greg's not talking!

No, I have a Sanato. Mine's very easy it has all these bees all over it.

He had sap all over his car, and I came in and said, I don't know if I'm crazy but just your car is covered in bees.

So she's like, is there something you want to tell me or? You're car is like covered with bees and I'm like ohhhh, and she's like, oh what?

My son got a car, so I have to park it under a tree with all the sap.

What kind of tree was on it?

It's flowering so there is sap all over it, so the car is literally an amber.

I thought I was hallucinating; I was looking at all the other cars.

I literally went and got home and I was like took a picture that same day and I said look Claudia, there is like twenty bees just on the hood alone.

You sound a little like my grandfather who always insisted that if he kept his car parked outside, God would keep it washed.

The way it works in our house, our son bought a new car. Your car goes in the street, every other car is in the driveway. So, my car can get hit in the street. Dad's expendable.

Think of this name. What is Junko Tabei's claim to fame.

Those jeans!

That's about right, but that's not what it is.

It could be Junko, and last name is TABELI, Junko Tabei.

Not junko jeans? Those bellbottom ones?

No, it not.

Junko Tabei?

She was the first woman to do something pretty important. So I feel like we should know her name. Any ideas? Nope, not political office. She did something, it was a feat. It was a feat.

She was the first woman to fly a balloon over the north pole.

She was the first woman to suck helium out of a balloon.

No, she was the first recorded woman who reached the summit of Mount Everest.

Oh!

How long after 54?

Well someone had to go cleanup after the two guys.

That's right! That's right!

We did hear a lot about that lately.

Mount Everest is kind of becoming a sty.

That's pretty gross

This one is essentially, privately, for Dave Chow. On the classic TV show WKRP in Cincinnati, what is Herb Tarlek's middle name?

Ruggles, is correct!

Holy mackerel.

And I don't know how you know that, and I don't want to know how you know that.

And I am moving on.

You do not want to know what vital piece of information he gave up to store that.

I trade off my blood pressure for that one!

Oh my gosh! You had to think about it, but only for a second.

Collectively what are great bite eclipse ipso pepper smith?

Chewing gum flavors?

You're close but it's not. It's actually not what it is.

Read them again?

Yes, great bit, eclipse, ipso, pepper smith.

It not like anything on the moon?

Toothpaste?

Toothpaste, candy bars, and what did you say Stephanie? I mean you're all in the wheel house with that stuff but these are

Salve

No these are all breath mints. These are brands of breath mints. Yes, I just couldn't take my eyes away from Ipso, which is a very important term in Organic Chemistry, and I was like hmm.

Some people just find things that sound good and slap them into boxes and start selling stuff.

What musical group had there devoted fans who were known as the Apple Scuffs? You should know this?

Apple Scuffs?

Ya! Everybody in here should know this.

Apple Scuffs?

Who are the Apple Scuffs?

I'm really surprised.

The Beatles?

It's the Beatles! Yes!

Where did that come from?

No backup information here unfortunately.

George Harrison did a song called Apple Scuffs.

Well that sounds about right.

Well why weren't they known as Norwegian Woods?

Different fan club. Different fan club.

What fictional TV family lived in the posh Colby East highrise?

The Jeffersons?

It was the Jeffersons, yes.

Moving on up to the East side!

No way!

So did the Willises and a whole bunch of other people!

Okay, well you know!

You got, okay wait, we need to go three spinoffs deep, no.

Okay, Dave will have it covered if we did though.

What are Meryl Streep's two collegiate alma maters for her BA and her MSA.

Vassar?

Vassar for her BA.

Yale?

And Yale for her MFA. I guess that's it! I guess it's time to go home and go to bed, you guys know everything. These great questions from the family and of course Frank Burrows of Valencia California, and uh we are headed off from what are Meryl Streep's two collegiate alma maters. Vassar and Yale for her BA and MFA respectively. What country originally manufactured the DeLorean car?

Was it Ireland?

You know it was not Ireland, but you're so close.

Scotland?

It was Northern Ireland!

Gotta be careful here.

That was for the tax break right?

Yeah that sounds about right.

I think I have already mentioned it on the air but I can't help myself. Just absolutely incredible for anybody who studied the schism in Ireland for the last almost thousand years, the fact that this Brexit thing could actually unify that country is just showing me that politics make for strange bedfellows. That's all I have to say.

I am just amazed that their prime minister has got actually worse hair than her president.

I don't know, they are both bad.

What is the relation between the retailer Big Lots, and the Delorean motor company?

There is a relationship between them?

I don't know if I have ever heard of them before and this is great.

I mean big lots, I mean no offense, but it's not exactly high end retail.

Everything does smell a little bit like petroleum in a Big Lots.

True!

They provided the air fresheners for all the dalorean cars!

New car smell!

Used car smell!

You probably could context clues this if you think about the fact that Big Lots probably was not manufacturing things or selling things for Delorean. But umh.

Did they end up with the overstock or something like that?

No, that wasn't it! But I like that answer, that's a good answer! No.

Big stocks dot com, now selling Deloreans!

Or just parts of them, so they're parent company, the parent company of Big Lots, consolidated stores, corporation, was an initial investor in the Delorean motor company. And ended up with the rest of the inventory after it declared bankruptcy in 1982. So, that is exactly correct, just like that. Big Lots was an investor in Delorean, you know without that we wouldn't have all the time machines running around.

Man there was some real steals running around at Big Lots.

Okay so we have eight uniform services of the United States, but we're only being asked to name six.

US public health service, Coast guard

Let's see, public health service and the coast guard, got it.

Army, navy, airforce, marines and I am done!

And there is only one left! You did really well, I mean you passed.

Coastal police?

No, but that's great. I love it.

You're not going to believe because they have actually been in the news very recently as having a commissioned officer core. I'll give you one incey wincey little clue to see if you can get there.

Space core!

I'm sorry! I am just going to confess to everyone on the air, I went to go see Kid Rock a couple weeks ago and his whole show opening is being shot out of a silver airstream from space. And on the side of it it says United States of America Space Force. And I was like the only person there laughing for its irony. The only person there, also, who was sober. But umh, your hint for this the last commissioned officer core for this is Sharpie.

The weather service?

It's the NOAA, yes! Can you believe it? Well when you said space force I was like well what about the Ocean Force or the atmosphere force?

Okay so all these are commissions?

Uniform Services of the United States.

So you got to wear a uniform or?

I can't figure out you know the surgeon general who heads up the public health service, wears the uniform of the vice admiral in the Navy, and I never could quite figure that out.

That's right.

Because Everett Coop used to wear them all the time.

Yeah!

But I cannot figure out why.

It fits him?

He turned out to be a pretty wise guy. Didn't start out that way.

What animal is prominently display on Puerto Rico's coat of arms? Also in the new recently.

It's not a whistle pig is it?

It is not a whistle pig.

Oh it's been in the new lately?

Ah just Puerto Rico has been in the news lately.

Oh!

Troubles with their governor and not being able to be a more

Is it a marsupial? Or a rodent?

It's a mammal! I'm giving you partial credit. It definitely is a mammal.

Isn't it like something you wouldn't think would be from there?

Oh like a racoon?

Like a bear?

A monkey?

No, I'm going to appeal to your Catholicism and say it's a Catholic mammal, how's that, does that help?

A lamb?

It's a lamb! Yeah.

Okay a lamb, I was gonna be like, I guess a

I didn't know you guys had mascots, that's cool.

There's way too many to keep track of!

We kind of do!

It's a very very, I believe they're still at 99.999 repeating percent Catholic in Puerto Rico, so the lamb of God does make sense.

What are, oh my, see they know exactly who they are writing to here, the three spinoffs shows from Mary Tyler More?

Phyllis, Rhoda, Lou Grant.

Oh my gosh! You guys!

Ed Asner just turned 91 the other day! He is, he is amazing on Twitter too.

Really?

Ya, Ed Asner!

Is he kind of like super cranky?

No no! He's like really super good!

Oh wow! I am going to have to start following him.

Really interesting tweets.

Oh wow. Who are the only two siblings to win an Oscar in lead acting?

Oh, Olivia de havelend and

And who's the sister to Dehavilland?

Jooa!

Yeah, Joan Fontaine!

I was going to say Ray Finds and Joseph Finds.

That's actually pretty good, no that's pretty good. I think that there is Oscars there, but they are supporting, and this is lead. So is Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine

Is she past like

It was just like a few years apart in the forties, the wins.

And the, what blew my mind, I was watching TCM, and you know Olivia de Havilland is still around.

Really!

Yeah. I was watching Robinhood and oh my God maiden Marian is still with us.

So early ninety's? I would assume? Olivia Dehaveland? Is she older than that?

She has got to be up there.

Eightees? Probably.

Probably at least ninetys.

I say we cut her in half, count the rings.

Joan Fontaine was born in 1917.

Why my, there we go. And her sister probably a few years later.

I had a neighbor, she was Joan Fontaine was her name. So I was like I live next to Joan Fontain.

So half the people knew what that meant and all the young people are like we have no idea what you are talking about.

She got it for suspicion

Ah, there we go. At three-hundred-ten meters what is the tallest building in London, England

The Shard?

The Shard is what it's called, that is right. That's a relatively recent addition.

Near the Gerkan.

Is that the twisted one?

The shard is the one that splits up at the top, one side is higher than the other. The Gerkan is the one that

It looks like a weird fabrication

Awesome, wow you guys have a pretty fast knowledge here. Lets's see how deep we can go here.

Raguls!

What vegetable in England is known as a courgette?

The Gerkan?

No, that sounds pretty good though.

It is a vegetable?

It's a vegetable. It's a vegetable that is not actually a vegetable it's a fruit, but people still call it a vegetable.

So not a tomato?

Not a tomato.

Partial credit, not a tomato.

Rutabaga?

It is not a rutabaga

Cucumber?

What was that?

Cucumber

Nope, not a cucumber either. Uh, I'll give it away completely without even saying anything that refers directly to the name.

Why don't you just give us the color?

It's green

Green!

Green pepper?

Is it like an artichoke?

Nope.

Those always get weird names

This is the sort of thing where when people plant it they're not thinking, because it is usually April or May, but then suddenly you are leaving it on your neighbor's doorstep because you have so much of it.

Oh it's a zucchini!

Yes, it is zucchini. Which FYI is Italian for little pumpkin, so it's not exactly that descriptive So courgetti is likely the French.

Little pumpkin?

Ya, little pumpkin. Zucca is a pumpkin so anything with inni on the end means little.

Okay, alright.

Just my kid's are obsessed with that little bit in between commercials on food network where they tell you things about food, it's like did you know that squash are actually fruit? Because they...I'm like alright great.

Seeds on the inside!

You know, seeds on the inside.

These questions have been pretty awesome. You know what else is awesome? The temperature in this room. So, we're going wrap up this show. One more to go. What singer was born Walden Robert Cassoto? Walden Robert Cassoto.

Like Huey Lewis?

No, we're going back a little further from Huey Lewis.

Huey Lewis Senior!

Seventies?

Uh, a little further back.

Tom Jones?

Not Tom Jones, that's good, that's good.

Just a very generic name.

It is, well the name that...the stage name that this person chose is pretty generic too.

Okay

Ya, I'm afraid I might give it away. Maybe I won't, I don't know this crowd too well. What if I

said splish-splash

I was taking a bath

I can hear the song!

Wow, I'm kind of surprised.

Was it Bobby Daren?

It's Bobby Daren, yeah! Bobby Daren was born Walden Robert Cassotto. Why didn't he go with

his birth name? I'm sure I don't know.

Walden! And here's Walden!

Walden Cassotto.

Okay, is it just me? Or is Bobby Daren kind of just generic.

Yeah, but Walden Casotto sounds somewhat ethnic and it's probably a bad time and he was trying to avoid it.

Yeah exactly.

Oh my gosh, it still kills me, I mean I'm not the wokest person in the entire world. But, you're shopping and there is like the ethnic food aisle. It's just food right?

At this point

Well except for, I'm gonna get it wrong, you just said it, Jezebel sauce. What is it? Jezebel spread?

That's straight up, like, from the America, from the south. Yeah someone, a friend just made it, it's what apple spread, pineapple preserves...

Mustard

Mustard and horseradish

So, spicy and sweet basically.

Hmm so it's sweet and savory?

It looks gross, I have to warn you.

Most things are, the things that look gross taste the best.

That's what I thought too, pepper jelly is that what you said?

It looks like pepper jelly, it does.

But, woa! There is a little buzz behind me and I think that means it's time for us to say goodbye.

Dave.

See you!

Stephanie.

Bye!

Jim.

Farewell!

Hank.

Bye bye

Greg.

Take it easy!

And now these words

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