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Host Matt Mio is joined by Professors Heather Hill-Vasquez, Stephen Manning, Jim Tubbs, Dan Maggio and Dave Chow.

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>> The University tower chimes ring in another session 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 left, it's Professor Jim Tubbs.

>> Here I am on the left.

>> Yes you--oh, yeah, you actually are. But just relatively.

>> Yes, just relatively.

>> You're on somebody's right sooner or later.

>> Mine.

>> Sooner or later.

>> Yes.

>> Yeah, you're on my right.

>> Yes, to Dave's right.

>> So, are you just doing--I mean I hope I'm not being too, assuming too much, just a couple of intro courses or some specialty stuff?

>> Two sections of healthcare ethics.

>> Oh, healthcare ethics.

>> Yes.

>> Of course, all right.

>> We have the hardest time filling in because we need so many sections.

>> How are we going to live without you. How will we do it without you?

>> I just don't know.

>> We're cloning him.

>> I just don't know.

>> Continuing around the table, to Jim's left is Professor Dave Chow.

>> Pleasure to--

>> The Chow man.

>> Pleasure to be here, as always.

>> Excellent. You are the lime green machine today.

>> For today, it's clean.

>> Just for today.

>> It's more like mint.

>> Yeah, it's minty.

>> You're right, you're right.

>> It's kind of like mid mint.

>> What do you call your Chrysler, what's that emerald kind of color?

>> Green. I just call it green. But I do call it sticky note yellow for the top.

>> Oh, of course.

>> Sticky note yellow.

>> Yes.

>> Sticky note yellow.

>> Was there an official name for the paint color at the time?

>> Yes, I think it's paradise green.

>> Oh, how nice.
>> Paradise green.
>> Hey.
>> That's a name for your--
>> Maybe, maybe.
>> Oh, very interesting.
>> We'll talk, we'll talk, we'll talk.
>> People are talking all around this table.
>> I want credit, I want credit. And it's on tape.
>> Don't touch this.
>> Not the least of which is Professor Dan Maggio.
>> Witness.
>> Hi Matt.
>> Hi.
>> Great to be here, as always.
>> Great. We're glad to have you. I don't know what you guys are talking about, but he's furiously writing and--
>> I'm not allowed to--I'm just, I'm going to shut up.
>> Yeah, I know. You guys are--
>> It's a secret.
>> What do you got going on over there.
>> Oh--
>> Nothing, I have nothing going on. My life is very boring and bland.
>> Shady dealings, shady dealings.
>> It is, shady dealings.
>> It's the oatmeal pie talking.
>> Oh, too much sugar.
>> Oatmeal pie is the real deal.

>> That oatmeal pie that Dan made was incredible.
>> I'm going to try to perfect that, and maybe then if I perfect it, I can sell it to the Bayview Yacht Club.
>> Yeah.
>> Order your oatmeal pies, at Ask the Professor.
>> At oatmeal pie dot com.
>> Right, 19.99. [laughter]
>> Great, we're going to be like Morley's Chocolate before long.
>> Actually, two for 19.99.
>> Check or money order.
>> I want to--
>> Square.
>> Yes.
>> Two for 99.
>> Check or money order.
>> Mastercard or Visa, American Express.
>> Oh my.
>> We take Venmo.
>> Incredible. Continuing around the table it's Professor Stephen Manning.
>> Hello Matt.
>> And how is your semester booting up this week?
>> Well, it's early yet, but so far so good.
>> So far, so good. Is there anything that you'd like to drop a nuc on out there today.
>> Oh, lots of things. [laughter]
>> No names please.
>> There's too many of them to mention actually.
>> No names.

>> Too many to name, too many to name.
>> Professor Heather Hill-Vasquez is here with us.
>> Hola.
>> Hola.
>> Hola.
>> Hola.
>> Gital [phonetic]
>> I'm, and how are you.
>> I'm well.
>> Good.
>> I'm well. I'm losing my mind. This week was--
>> How can you be well and losing your mind?
>> Again?
>> Yeah, this week was tough. This week was a tough one.
>> This is, this, well, it's always hard settling into a new rhythm for the semester. You know.
>> Yes, it definitely is.
>> It's a little tiring. You have to get used to it, you know. The students never get older. We get older, you know.
>> Um-hum. Absolutely.
>> It's always something
>> More experienced.
>> Wiser, older.
>> Wizeded.
>> You know. Wizeded. Ooh. Look at this.
>> That's my big word for the day. I'm done.
>> Look at Dave. Using the big words over there.
>> Like Merlin.
>> Three syllables.

>> Oh my gosh.

>> Whew, I'm done.

>> Anyway. I'm glad this semester has kind of started. It's always good to get it going, you know.

>> Yeah, yes. I used to curse that we had this holiday right in the middle of the first week basically, but now it's like the greatest respite in the history of the world.

>> Well, we all remember when we started after Labor Day, right.

>> It made the Labor Day weekend kind of nerve-wracking.

>> Yeah.

>> Yeah. It did.

>> I go back and forth on it, you know.

>> Okay.

>> Could have used another week maybe.

>> Could have used another month.

>> Well, that too.

>> Yikes. Why do I always start getting the anxiety right after the 4th of July? That's never going to go away, I assume.

>> I know, it won't, because you're on the downhill slope to the start of the new semester [inaudible].

>> Yeah, yeah.

>> It means you're a good teacher if you get a little bit of anxiety.

>> Oh yeah, yeah.

>> Right.

>> Folks, this is a program that involves a lot of good teachers. You can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win one of our prizes, and if you don't stump the

panel, you win a prize. Send the questions to us in a number of ways. You can email us at atp@udmercy.edu. You can reach us on the web at udmercy.edu/atp or find us on Facebook or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. We just had a handful of questions left from our question set from Kimberly Richards, so we can continue with those. We have two questions on various topics and then a themed subset.

>> Various topics.

>> What designates a snowstorm to be classified as a blizzard?

>> Winds.

>> Wind speed.

>> Wind. That's fair to say.

>> Which is like 25 miles an hour or something.

>> Thirty-five.

>> Thirty-five.

>> Thirty-five miles per hour.

>> I'm going to say 40.

>> A mound of snow.

>> It's snow and 35-mile-per-hour winds basically. It must be sustained for let's see, typically three hours or more by the definition is what it says, so.

>> Hmm, okay.

>> Not a lot of snow.

>> I don't know whether that's helpful to think of blizzards right now, but I'm on Heather's side with regard to beautiful Fall weather.

>> Yes.

>> Yes.

>> I'm just going to say that.
>> That too.
>> Pumpkin spice everything. It's time to--
>> Cider.
>> [Inaudible] for pumpkin.
>> High's cider. Kathy used to bring High's all the time.
>> Yeah, but none of the unpasteurized stuff anymore, huh?
>> And donuts.
>> Why, I think that would make for an interesting show.
>> No, no, no but--
>> Don't you remember when my wife--
>> [Inaudible] already [inaudible].
>> And we just ate your oatmeal pie?
>> Don't you folks remember when Leslie, my wife, was pregnant with our first. Kathy wouldn't let me drink the unpasteurized cider. I'm like, do you understand how this works? She's like, no, your wife is pregnant. I'm like, okay, whatever, you know.
>> But I'm not pregnant, am I?
>> Last one from the various matters. Oregon College student Carolyn Davidson was paid 35 bucks for the design of a very famous company.
>> Nike logo.
>> Nike, yes.
>> The swoosh, corporate trademark, created in 1971 while she was a graphic design student at Portland State. Yes, \$35.
>> She got compensated later.
>> She did. September '83, Nike gave, Nike--
>> A free pair of shoes.

>> Gave Davidson a golden swoosh ring with an embedded diamond and an envelop filled with 500 Nike stock to express his gratitude.

>> Oh.

>> The swoosh is basically in the top five of the most recognizable brands on the planet.

>> Sure.

>> How much is that stock worth?

>> That's a good question.

>> I think at the time it was like \$37,000.

>> That's not too shabby.

>> No.

>> I would say.

>> No.

>> Thank you, Kimberly.

>> Thank you, Kimberly.

>> Yes, yes.

>> Send more.

>> Kimberly sent us another set, it's very short, but it's got a cool theme to it, and I think you guys will be able to dance to it as well.

>> Oh, good.

>> Dancing?

>> Given--

>> Nobody said there was going to be dancing.

>> Oh--

>> Dancing is scary.

>> Is this like Seinfeld dancing?

>> Or like full-body [inaudible].

>> Elaine.

>> Given the album title, name the song containing the lyric the title came from as opposed to there being a song with the same titles that the album is on.

>> We should save these for [inaudible].

>> One more time. One more time, please.

>> Given the album title, name the song that the lyric containing that title derived from. I'll give you an example. It will help you.

>> Okay, that would help.

>> If I say, knee deep in the hoopla, you'd be like, well that's a Jefferson Starship album. That line is from We Built This City.

>> Sure.

>> Okay.

>> Could you give us another example? [laughter]

>> What's your second example? This is going to be tough.

>> Yeah.

>> It's going to be tough, but I think you can do it. I think you can do it.

>> You have confidence in us.

>> Beth would excel at this.

>> I always have confidence.

>> And if they were Christmas lyrics, Jim would [inaudible].

>> That's right, if they were Christmas [inaudible].

>> I think these are relatively popular. Kimberly says, I try to choose better known songs than artists.

>> Thanks Kimberly.

>> There are a ton of these if you want to get esoteric.

>> Oh, dear Lord.

>> And like thank you for choosing the better known. Let's see how deep we can go here. Making Movies is the name of the album. What song is it from?

>> Oh, dear Lord.

>> I don't think that's correct.

>> I can give you the band as your only hint, but that's all I could do.

>> I think music is our weakness on this panel.

>> You think?

>> Sports used to be, but we're pretty solid.

>> [Inaudible] Jason and I, you know, we got the music [inaudible].

>> What song by Dire Straits does the line making movies come from?

>> Money for Nothing?

>> Nope.

>> Oh, what's the other one.

>> Radio--no.

>> Uh-uh.

>> Dire Straits.

>> Hold on.

>> Hold on.

>> Humbling the pros here. This is crazy.

>> Humbling isn't even--

>> Embarrassing is--

>> Yeah, I was going to say--

>> What would you do once we turn to winter and you put the blades on your feet and then you jump on--

>> Skate.

>> Yeah, Skate Away is what the name of the song is.
>> Skate Away.
>> So, this is going to be kind of rough.
>> Kind of?
>> My aim is true. Elvis Costello.
>> Elvis Costello.
>> Elvis Costello.
>> Elvis Costello and the Attractions.
>> So, what's the song?
>> Alison.
>> Alison.
>> All right.
>> Oh yeah.
>> All right.
>> Now can we all sing it?
>> Yes.
>> Alison--
>> Alison.
>> He just turned 65, I think last week. [singing]
>> I love Elvis Costello.
>> Ouch.
>> I don't know if I--my college roommate listened to Elvis Costello and Elvis Presley.
>> Oh.
>> He was a fan of both. So, I hated Elvis Presley, but really liked Elvis Costello.
>> Just Elvis though, just Elvis.
>> Just, just the two Elvi.
>> He is back to touring with the [inaudible] Attractions.

>> That's right.
>> Yes.
>> Yes.
>> And when he first came to town, he said take me to the Motown Museum.
>> Oh, yeah, that's right.
>> So cool.
>> And I think he's married to--
>> Diana Krall.
>> Diana Krall.
>> Diana Krall.
>> Yes.
>> Yep.
>> Yes [inaudible].
>> Let's try this one.
>> Oh.
>> No.
>> How about ice on fire? That's Elton John, but what song did the line ice on fire come from?
>> Candle in the Wind?
>> Uh-uh.
>> No.
>> Another female slanting name.
>> Tiny Dancer.
>> Uh-uh.
>> Female slanting name.
>> As in like Alison or--
>> Oh.
>> I had a student in my class a few years ago with this name.

>> That doesn't help us, Matt.
>> I was going to say Lucy in the Sky.
>> Starts with the letter N.
>> Nadine.
>> Uh-uh.
>> Nancy.
>> Nancy.
>> Nikita.
>> Nikita is what it was.
>> There we go.
>> Nikita.
>> Nikita.
>> I was going to say Voltaire, but that's not going to help.
[laughter]
>> How about, the album was called The Spy Who Loved Me
by Carly Simon.
>> Okay.
>> What was the name of the song.
>> That's from the Bond movie.
>> Yeah, the soundtrack.
>> But what was the name of the song?
>> Nobody Does it Better.
>> Nobody Does it Better.
>> Nobody Does it Better.
>> Thank you.
>> Oh, yes.
>> I was hearing it in my head. [singing]
>> That's a good song.
>> It is.

>> I love it.
>> And the, you know, the intro was interesting too.
>> Diamond Life.
>> David Woods.
>> Bowie.
>> No, it was Sade.
>> Oh, yes.
>> Oh.
>> Yeah, yeah.
>> From one of the coolest songs from the '80s. I love this song.
>> Smooth Operator.
>> Smooth Operator.
>> Smooth Operator, yes.
>> Oh, man. That's a good song. Willy and the Poor Boys, Creedence Clearwater Revival.
>> Oh, down on--
>> Um-hum. You're right.
>> Down on the River.
>> Down on the Corner.
>> Oh, what was the name of the song again?
>> Down on the Corner.
>> Down on the street.
>> Down on the Corner is the song. The lyric is Willy in the Poor Boys--
>> Willy and the Poor Boys.
>> And it became the album title.
>> Man. That's sounds like a great sandwich.
>> Dexys Midnight Runners had an album called Too-Rye-Ay.

>> Yes.
>> Come on Eileen.
>> Come on Eileen.
>> Yeah, Come on Eileen.
>> Yes.
>> Yep, yep.
>> I am embarrassed that I spit that out so quickly.
>> It was a good song.
>> [Inaudible] quite well.
>> Yeah. Great song. Yeah.
>> All right.
>> Who else could [inaudible].
>> Then I'm not embarrassed.
>> Just built and built and built.
>> Yeah.
>> Yeah. Great song.
>> M, M, just the letter M, had an album titled New York,
London, Paris, Munich.
>> Pop Music.
>> Pop Music was the name of the song.
>> Pop Music.
>> That was my wheelhouse back in the day.
>> Yes, those were the days. Billy Idol had an album titled
Whiplash Smile from what song?
>> Rebel Yell.
>> Uh-uh.
>> White Wedding.
>> White Wedding.
>> Uh-uh.

>> What's that other one [inaudible].
>> It's the greatest hits and--
>> Dancing with my--no.
>> Uh-uh.
>> No, what was it, Rebel Yell.
>> It has to do with a firearm, apparently.
>> Gun--
>> Gun--
>> Something about a gun.
>> Gun, gun, gun.
>> No ideas?
>> No ideas.
>> Don't Need a Gun was the name of the song.
>> No, what was the other one I was thinking--
>> Sung with a sneer, like everything else.
>> So what was that other Billy Idol song, the remake that he did, the Tommy James Shondell song.
>> Oh--
>> Mony Mony.
>> I Think We're Alone Now.
>> No.
>> No, he did Mony Mony.
>> Yeah, that's the one I was thinking about, okay, yep.
>> Thank you.
>> Last one. This is actually pretty fun. So, the Ramones had an album, End of the Century, but where did that line come from, what song?
>> Rock 'n Roll High School?
>> Yeah, Rock 'n Roll High School.

>> Way to go, Dan.

>> All right. Everybody gets it, I mean that was tough, but everybody did really well.

>> Oh, I knew it wasn't I want to be your dog. [laughter]

>> Oh my God. Hilarious.

>> No, I--

>> And while we think a little bit more about those albums, we'll take a break.

>> I was thinking the same thing.

[Music]

>> And we are back, what a great transition. Those are some great questions by Kimberly Richards. We got some questions for you, sent to us by Chris Bobitz of Lakeville, Minnesota.

Let's see what we got cooking here? Greetings, professors. I was thinking of a letter I sent to you where 46 degrees north latitude goes, and I finally thought of a good set of questions for you. The title of this quiz is My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean. I hope you'll find it satisfactory or at very least not frustrating.

Pardon me. Someone is standing on a beach. They're lonely and sad, looking across the water to the land of their true love. I'll tell you the name of a place on or near a body of water, which the former is standing, and in which direction they're looking.

You tell me what state or country would be directly across from that example. Detroit Michigan looking south, of course--

>> Windsor.

>> Windsor.

>> Windsor.

>> Or Sandwich.

>> Windsor, Canada, Ontario. Some of the looked at places have more than one possible answer. You'll only need to correctly state one of them to be correct, but if you can name the other, maybe for bonus points. To pass, you have to get at least 20 points, is given 24 by the way.

>> Ooh.

>> Ooh.

>> So that's tight. If there are maps or globes in the room in which you record the show, please do not refer to them.

>> Yeah.

[Crosstalk]

>> No looking.

>> Blindfolds.

>> I mentioned this before.

>> Yep. So, you're on Isle Royale, Michigan, looking west.

>> Minnesota.

>> Theoretically it's possible, I think, to look at Ontario, but I think that that's pushing it just a little bit too far west. How about Seattle, Washington, looking west. What's the next piece of land you hit?

>> Hawaii.

>> Not Hawaii.

>> No, no, it's--

>> Oh, it'd be the Olympic Peninsula of--

>> Washington.

>> Of Washington.

>> You can see Alaska.

>> It doesn't say that here.

>> Is it Cambridge Island.

>> Like Tokyo?
>> Another country.
>> As in Japan.
>> What's Russia?
>> Russia is what it says, yeah.
>> Well, no, if you're from Seattle--
>> No, no, no, because if it's Seattle--
>> The first land you look at is the Olympic Peninsula of Washington.
>> Yeah. Because you look at Port Angeles on the way out.
>> On the other side of the bay.
>> That makes sense.
[Crosstalk]
>> Yeah.
>> Correction team, working on it. How about Barrow, Alaska, looking west?
>> That would be--
>> Is that Sarah Palin's house?
>> That'd be Russia again.
>> It's Russia again.
>> Yeah.
>> Russia, that's correct.
>> I can see Russia from my house.
>> This is pretty interesting. If you're in Barrow but you look directly north--
>> Russia again.
>> No, that's not what it says.
>> Or Canada.
>> Greenland.

>> Greenland.

>> Yeah.

>> No.

>> Iceland.

>> No.

>> Directly north you would be looking at--

>> They're looking at the map.

>> Is that [inaudible].

>> No.

>> Cheatings going on.

[Crosstalk]

>> If Jim brings out his pocket globe, I'll definitely [inaudible].

>> It's a lovely globe.

>> Norway.

>> Norway. It says it's a little piece of Norway that would be in the direct line.

>> Norway, yeah.

>> What if you were in San Francisco looking directly west.

>> Ooh.

>> Japan.

>> It says Japan here.

>> Yeah.

>> I says Japan, is what you would hit. There was a Marvel comic book called Big Hero Six where San Francisco and Tokyo got so big that they actually merged in the middle of the Pacific. I thought that was interesting. San Francokyo.

>> Yeah.

>> No joke. New York, New York, but you're looking east, what do you hit?

>> Portugal.
>> Portugal is what it says here.
>> Portugal.
>> Yeah.
>> Um-hum.
>> I was in Portugal this summer.
>> You were?
>> Way to go.
>> Yeah.
>> Did you go to Lisbon?
>> I was in Lisbon just for a few days for a conference.
>> That's cool.
>> How was the conference?
>> It was great.
>> I bet the food was really good.
>> The food was hmm. The food that pops into my head right now is grilled octopus.
>> Oh my gosh.
>> That was so good.
>> Wow. That sounds like a lot of fun. So, next time oatmeal pie.
>> Was it, was it like modern Portuguese novel conference?
>> I'll make some calamari.
>> No, no, no. It was a Modern Language Association--
>> Oh, MLA.
>> Hidden voices, horrible political situations that we're living in, present a paper kind of conference.
>> Oh, okay.
>> Yeah.

>> So, there must have been only a couple attendants then, huh?

>> No, it was just, there were a lot of people there. It was fun.

Anyway, sorry to--

>> I was just thinking, the title might have attracted a lot of people to it just basically to characterize it.

>> It was, actually it was, yeah, yeah, it was, it was big.

>> How about if--oh, I'm sorry, go ahead.

>> No, I'm okay, please, let's continue. I'm dreaming of Lisbon.

>> How about if you're in Savannah, Georgia, and you look east?

>> You would be looking at what? The Azores, I guess, or Africa.

>> Africa?

>> True except for there's a country there.

>> Morocco.

>> Morocco is what it says here, yeah.

>> Really?

>> Morocco, um-hum. What if you look west from Cuba?

>> Cuba.

>> Cuba, you would be looking at--

>> Mexico?

>> Mexico. But what if you look east from Cuba?

>> Dominican Republic.

>> Haiti.

>> Haiti.

>> No.

>> Puerto Rico?

>> No, that's not what it says here. It says you make it all the way to Mauritania.

>> Wow.
>> All the way across the Atlantic.
>> Okay, all right.
>> Well--
>> You must have darn good eyesight.
>> Puerto Rico is south.
>> Yeah, well--
>> I've seen enough of that map in the last 24 hours, I should be able to answer it too. How about if you're in Havana, Cuba, and you look directly north?
>> Key West.
>> Florida.
>> Florida, basically. Ireland looking west, what do you hit?
>> England.
>> No, Canada.
>> No, west would be--
>> Oh west.
>> Canada?
>> Canada.
>> Or Canada.
>> Canada, yeah.
>> Like Nova Scotia.
>> The Labbies or the Newfies. That's what you hit.
>> Newfies and Labbies.
>> Um-hum. What if you were in Nova Scotia and you look east?
>> Iceland.
>> Where in, where?

>> It's a good question. But it says here, some pretty popular countries are going to be in your line of sight.

>> Scotland.

>> Greenland.

>> I'm still thinking of what, Algeria?

>> Something--

>> Nova Scotia?

>> Nova Scotia, looking east, it says here you might be able to hit--

>> Norway.

>> Spain or France.

>> Oh.

>> Yeah.

>> Nova Scotia.

>> Further, further up north.

>> Oh, I'm thinking of Newfoundland. Yeah, okay, Nova Scotia.

>> What if you're in Baja, California, Mexico, and you look west. There's three different places you could hit.

>> Hawaii.

>> Hawaii.

>> Um-hum.

>> Guam.

>> Thailand.

>> No, not Guam.

>> Philippines.

>> Philippines.

>> It doesn't say Thailand. It says you could hit Taiwan, China, or Japan from Baja, California.

>> Okay.

>> Oh.

>> How about Hilo, Hawaii, and you look directly north. This is one of my favorite pieces of [inaudible].

>> Anchorage, Alaska.

>> Yeah, you hit Alaska.

>> Cool.

>> You know. Do you guys want a free plane ticket? Yeah, but don't ask for one of them freak states, just the contiguous states. [laughter] Oh, that's directly from The Simpsons [inaudible].

>> Of course, of course.

>> What about Honolulu and you go dead south, boom. What land do you hit?

>> New Zealand?

>> Antarctica?

>> Antarctica is what you see.

>> Antarctica, okay.

>> Yes. Nicaragua, they're getting tougher, looking west. Nicaragua, looking west.

>> Looking west. Ooh. Bali? Well--

>> No.

>> I'm going to say Fiji.

>> Relatively close, relatively close.

>> Oh, close.

>> Fiji--

>> It says here you hit the Philippines if you go looking west from Nicaragua.

>> Okay.

>> Wow, okay.

>> Yeah.

>> Um-hum.

>> [Inaudible] islands.

>> What about if you're in Cape Town, South Africa, and you look west?

>> Brazil.

>> Brazil.

>> Hmm. It says here you actually hit Uruguay first.

>> Argentina.

>> Uruguay.

>> Brazil is a good guess, but it says here you hit Uruguay first. Interesting.

>> Well we, we were on the right continent.

>> You know, I think we'd better answer these questions if we just took like lots of field trips.

>> Yes.

>> Yes.

[Crosstalk]

>> [Inaudible] field trips. Yeah.

>> Agreed. Including this one. This is definitely on my list, Sydney, Australia, and you look east. What do you hit?

>> New Zealand.

>> New Zealand.

>> Chili.

>> Chili is what it says.

>> Oh, Chili.

>> Chili.

>> Yeah.

>> You skip New Zealand.

>> What if you're, oh my, lots of things going on this summer in the world, in Hong Kong and you look south. This is one of the toughest ones on the list.

>> South.

>> Hold on.

>> From Hong Kong south.

>> Wales.

>> It's not Korea.

>> Chris lists Hong Kong, China, and I'm like--

>> Vietnam.

>> I don't know if I want to touch that with a ten-foot pole.

>> Laos?

>> Thailand, Philippines.

>> It starts with a B. We hear about the sultan all the time.

>> Brunei.

>> Yes.

>> Perth, Australia, looking west.

>> Would be South Africa, wouldn't it?

>> South Africa is what it says here, yep. Go west to South Africa.

>> Oh, it skips India.

>> Mumbai in India, and you're looking south.

>> Antarctica.

>> Sri Lanka.

>> You'd also hit Antarctica, yeah. Go straight to Antarctica. Just a couple more.

>> Do not collect \$200.

>> You're in Tokyo [laughter], you're in Tokyo and you go directly south. Tokyo south.

>> Guam.
>> Philippines.
>> Indonesia.
>> Taiwan.
>> Micronesia.
>> No somebody said that.
>> Australia.
>> I mean you're close with Micronesia. It says Papua, New Guinea you're going to hit.
>> Papua, New Guinea.
>> Last, but most certainly not least--
>> Voltaire.
>> You're sitting in Tripoli, Libya, and you go directly north.
>> It's France.
>> France.
>> No, that's not what it says here.
>> Spain.
>> Spain.
>> No.
>> Italy.
>> Directly north, you hit Sicily, yeah.
[Crosstalk]
>> Oh Sicily, really, I thought Sicily was further over.
>> Yeah.
>> I thought it would be further east.
>> Okay, no Trip, yeah, Tripoli's over on the eastern part of Libya.
>> Funny stuff, huh.
>> Does this account for the curve of the globe?

>> I believe that it does. I believe it does account for curvature of the Earth.

>> Assuming they're moving along the latitude and longitudinal lines.

>> Yeah.

>> When they got the answers to these questions.

>> We're assuming a lot, Dan. We're assuming a lot.

>> The time has come for our game called ATP favorites.

>> Oh.

>> Okay.

>> You don't have to groan and moan, it's going to be fun.

>> I just like to make noises sometimes, you know.

>> Okay.

>> Well, I was trying to think of an ATP favorite on the way over, and I know I'm going to regret asking this one. Is there anything that you could say that is actually a positive or a favorite thing that happens at the beginning of the academic year, something that only happens at this time of year?

>> Enthusiasm.

>> Fear. [laughter]

>> Fear, oh my God.

>> The move-in days.

>> Move-in day? Yeah, that's positive.

>> No, I mean seeing so many people, like especially [inaudible]. I mean the parents pull their cars up. We see, it's like an Ikea clearance sale, that's all.

>> Right, yeah.

>> Well, this is a little cynical, but--

>> Cynical?

>> I noticed that in neither in my classes was anyone texting or on social media during the first class meeting.

>> Whoa.

>> Interesting.

>> That is amazing.

>> How'd you do that?

>> Wow.

>> Well, it was only once.

>> Oh so--

>> Oh.

>> Never happen again, right.

>> Oh.

>> But notice, I did notice it. It sort of stood out.

>> Oh, okay.

>> My son attends a relatively small, you know, 300-student high school, and every classroom has the wall of little sleeves when you walk in, and they just want you to do a drop when you go in, and there are sometimes, they're like, okay, you know, you finished your work, you can go grab your phone and check it.

>> I have a cell phone basket.

>> Yeah, of course.

>> I carry it to class.

>> Of course, yes.

>> Professor Manning makes fun of me at times when I am walking down the hallway with my basket.

>> Why?

>> It's like Little Red Riding Hood carrying the things.

>> Oh.

>> Candy--

[Crosstalk]

>> Sometimes there is candy in it. I will admit.

>> Stephen, I think, is a new audience from my line from last year where I have the big red bucket, and it's mostly for exams, but I noticed with a 60-student classroom that I had at least 15 to 20 people with iPhone X last year, and I'm like, there is a very large amount of money in this bucket right now.

>> Yeah.

>> Nearly \$50,000 of phone, and I go, oh, you know.

>> Oops, I forgot.

>> Just accidentally [inaudible], you know, so--I'm not counting that [inaudible].

>> [Inaudible] just dump the bucket out, come and find your phone.

>> I know.

>> What's left of it. Here's a few pieces.

>> All right, what was the question again? I got distracted.

>> Is there anything positive or something that you look forward to at the beginning of the academic year?

>> Yes.

>> The end of Summer and the beginning of Fall.

>> Oh, that's right, because Dan, you really like Fall.

>> Dan is hardcore Fall.

>> You really like Fall.

>> All my friends post and family post their kids' first day of school, and it was nice to see how the kids are doing.

>> Well, I mean if they're still living, yes.

>> Yes.

>> I like catching up with colleagues that I haven't seen.
>> That's a good point.
>> Yeah.
>> That's a good thing.
>> That's a very good thing.
>> How's coming back here and recording your show
[inaudible].
>> Oh, yeah we're doing--
>> Coming back to the show.
>> Oh, that's right.
>> [Inaudible] pretty good.
>> The beginning of the ATP season.
>> Yes.
>> Exactly.
>> Is that what you were fishing for?
>> I wasn't fishing for anything.
>> Oh, ha, ha, ha.
>> [Inaudible] season of the year.
>> I wasn't fishing for anything.
>> An ad for ATP.
>> Oh my gosh.
>> Oh my gosh.
>> Stephen hasn't answered yet though.
>> I know.
>> I like Dave's--
>> What'd I do?
>> Move-in stuff. Every year I read, I try to read the beginning
of White Noise, Don DeLillo's novel, White Noise, which starts,
it's a academic novel, academic fiction, and it starts with this

professor of, I think he's a professor of Jewish studies or something, and he's observing, they're returning, he's in his office, and he's observing and commenting upon these cars coming up the hill, packed with stuff, stuff on the roof, everything, parents bringing their kids to school--

>> It's like the Beverly Hillbillies' truck.

>> Yeah, and it's a great, kind of reminds you that people are, this new crop of people are moving in, you know--

>> Um-hum.

>> For a new, and if you think about, you know, newness and new students and--

>> Optimism.

>> Bright-eyed and optimism, and I know it's, that's a Spring thing, and I like the Fall too, but it's, you know, renewal--

>> Um-hum.

>> And the whole academic calendar is based on, used to be the Tuesday after Labor Day, now the week before that.

>> Um-hum.

>> So, that's a nice thing to think about.

>> It's good.

>> New people start.

>> I'm impressed by all the positivity.

>> Or, okay, or Matt, what about this? The Lions actually have a chance to win the Superbowl [inaudible].

>> All I'm saying is this, I tuned in last night--

>> Why, why--

>> The seconds were ticking off to lead to half-time--

>> To distract you from the timer.

>> My son wanders into the room bleary-eyed to ask me a question, and he's like are you watching the Tigers? Because all he did was see the score, and he's like that is, it's like a safety and a field goal.

>> They made a point of it on the broadcast too. This is more like a baseball score.

>> Oh, yeah.

>> Yeah, it's--

>> What was the final score?

>> Twenty to 16.

>> Yeah, like, you know--

>> Who won?

>> More reasonable.

>> Not us.

>> We, we ended up--oh, hey, let's not forget, we ended up not winning a preseason game, but don't forget that last year we went undefeated preseason--

>> Yeah.

>> That was 0 and 16. So anything else is possible.

>> Um-hum.

>> Yeah.

>> And the last time we went 0 and 4 it was 7 to 9.

>> Yeah, that's right. So, that sounds about right. I would put my money on either that or 8 and 8, if I had a choice.

>> I move to 7 and 9.

>> That is, it's a very good point. The Lions have a chance to win the Superbowl.

>> Um-hum. Everyone thinks they're invincible today.

>> Yep, that is absolutely true. I was trying to think about the thing that I look forward to the most when the year boots up, and I think that I can't think about it when I'm in the middle of it, and then it snaps into gear mostly on Monday, first day of classes. The building has been so motionless and quiet for so long that I don't sense it anymore, like I'm numb, and then suddenly there's just this flood--

>> Activity.

>> Brimming with life.

>> And it's like that's the thing that I was missing, and I can't tell you that I was missing it until I hear it.

>> Hmm.

>> Yeah.

>> Just people going in and out [inaudible].

>> You can't replace. You can't replace it.

>> Yeah.

>> I was here all summer, and it really does make a difference when the halls are busy. I thought you were going to say it's only two months to Halloween.

>> Well, you know, that's a different story. I let Dan take off [inaudible].

>> You forget my household is 24/7 Halloween [inaudible].

>> Yeah.

>> We are going to be having a big Halloween party this year so--

>> Okay.

>> Good.

>> Everybody will be invited.

>> Good.

>> I'm just letting you know ahead of time. [laughter] But unfortunately, we've reached the time when it's time for us to time say goodbye time to the show. So, we'll start with Heather and say goodbye.

>> Goodbye.

>> Stephen.

>> Goodbye, Matt.

>> Dan.

>> Goodbye.

>> Dave.

>> See you.

>> Jim.

>> Bon voyage.

>> Now these words.

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