

Episode 2009

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. I have a choice of many different people who are chewing on cookies right now. And it's not the best time for introductions but we'll start to my left, the man of many different kinds of colors of collared shirts, its Dave Chow.

Pleasure to be here, as always.

I just, I think you were lime green last week. Now its kind of a.

Oh was I?

Now its kind of a muted mustard.

I just kind of go by what is clean. If it's not standing up in the corner, I will wear it.

But in this dark morning time of year, how do you know if it's clean or not?

I don't.

Is it like the sniff test?

Ya sniff, and the crunchy test.

Crunchy test?

If it's not crusty, I'll wear it.

You know, I'm just telling you. Three little boys at home, the crust factor is real. That's all I got to say.

I can only imagine.

Shorts are literally standing on their own. You don't need to wear them again.

Well as long as your kids don't have to chase them down. As long as their not moving of their own volition, it's all good.

Continuing around the table. Dan Maggio has a quizzical look on his face.

Is it because their shorts? Or because they're jean shorts?

Apparently jorts are on the outs.

Fashion faux pas?

They are a fashion faux pas

How are things Dan?

Good! Long week, thankful to be here.

Yeah? Were glad to have you here.

Fall is here

You're special polos. You always have the coolest looking polos.

You're like talking to these predental students that we have around here, where they are doing these video interviews more and more and more. And were like you probably don't want to do this in your bedroom. You'll probably want to wear clothing, things like that.

At least from the waist up!

At least from the waist up yeah.

And make sure that you're stack of clean clothes from the night before isn't sitting on your dresser.

Or on the webcam, what can I say. Oh my gosh, continuing on around the table, we're very happy to have back, after a very very short hiatus. Its professor Jeffe Boats.

How did I get here? I must have made a wrong turn in Albuquerque or something.

You're actually in the middle of a fun run? Is that what I heard?

Just for exercise, you know? Just hitting the gym.

Okay, that's cool. You know whether the weather is cool enough that it's actually nice to do a run without sweating like crazy. So what classes are you teaching this semester, Jeffe?

Oh well a lot of online stuff, online algebra, for mostly the nurses and the liberal arts students.

And then calc 1, for the first time in a while, I'm teaching calc 1 again. I was chair of the department for about 9 years and you make everyone else happy schedule wise and teach what's left.

Sure, that makes sense.

Lazaros Kikas has taken over the thorny crown of math, and I get to be a regular old prof again, and I'm really enjoying it.

That's right, I think I saw a spring in your step as you came into the room. You seemed a little lighter on your feet.

Yeah!

Good! That's a good feeling. Good to hear, as a new chair myself. About 9 years from now, I will have a spring back in my step. To complete our circuit around the table, professor Mar Livezey is here from chemistry and biochemistry.

Hello

Hello! So you survived giving your fist exam.

I sure did, and so did my students.

Yes, I'm trying to channel my Disney Aladdin. So, how did it go? You don't have to answer that question, I think we already talked about it.

Yeah, it went better than I had hoped. So to me that's a big win

Big thumbs up!

Yeah

What were the expectations though?

Well,

Survival rates? Attrition?

Well, zero deaths.

Okay, that's

And an average that is about 10 points higher than where I started a year ago.

Well that's good, that's good. It's a big step forward. Here we are, I can't believe what I am about to say, end of week 5. Which means we are clearly a third of the way through the semester and we are bananas if you ask me. But, time marches on, just like this program. Where you can send of questions regarding anything. And if you stump the panel, you get one of our prizes. And if you don't stump the panel, you win one of our prizes. You can 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. You can find us on facebook or listen to your favortie smart speaker by asking it to play ask the professor at University of Detroit Mercy. So, we were given a set of questions by our now, how should I put this, executive producer emerita, Professor Vivian Dicks, who has since retired from the university of Detroit Mercy. These are pretty cool, they're all based on her reading of the New York Times in recent months. So, they're kind of all over the place and should be good to chew on for a while. Name the park that experienced the hottest temperature ever recorded on earth, and can you identify the temperature in Fahrenheit.

Death valley?

It's Death Valley, California. Yeah, absolutely, but what was the temperature?

127.

Uh more. One thirty something probably.

What were you saying Jeff?

130 something at least.

It is! It's 134 degrees Fahrenheit. I'm just gonna call that hot.

But it's a dry heat!

Well, definitely it is.

Yeah, you're whole body is desiccated.

Yes, exactly, you start shrinking.

Oh and I lived in El Paso for a couple years, it really is comfortable honestly. 115 degrees, but if you drink a lot of water and stay out of the sun its actually very pleasant.

It's like a big sauna, right?

Like an Arizona dry room, you know those? That's why they call it those I guess.

Oh my gosh, I'm just thinking of professor Nizar Ibrahim in our Biology department, he is a new professor, and he actually took his research group to the Sahara this summer to get some dinosaur bones out of the earth, and they were talking about drinking water or eating water constantly, is the only way to stay hydrated. What is the best national park to watch grizzly bears.

Something in Alaska, I would think.

It is absolutely Alaska.

Kodiak?

It even starts with a K, but it's not Kodiak.

If only Mary Lou Caspers were here, she knows all the national parks. You can find grizzlies in all 8 of Alaska's national parks, but this is the one for best grizzly bear watching.

Kodiak?

I am trying to think of a way, Kodiak is a good guess, Dan thought of that too. It says Kat Mai, Kat Mai national park. I am assuming using, you know, the native language of the Inuit, but uh I think the bottom line is that I am not that into watching grizzly bears. There was a nice little internet video this week of 2 just fighting with each other, and I was like that's good, I can watch this from my computer.

From afar!

Yes, exactly, oh my gosh.

Name one of the four parks in the lower 48, where you can find grizzly bears, by the name of the park.

Yellowstone!

Yellowstone! Yes, well I'm giving you credit for that. But, can you name one more for bonus?

Washington probably? Where is Heather when we need her?

Olympic national park?

Nope, not Olympic. Um, there is one that is known because there is a giant piece of ice in the middle of it.

Glacier

Glacier, yes. And the other ones are the North Cascades; uh that's New York right?

I don't know.

And the Grand Tetons, the Grand Tetons. If you prefer watching black bears, which states could have parks to accommodate them. Maybe not all of them, maybe like one or two.

States?

Which states would you watch black bears, there is an obvious one here because we have a state university with the nickname the black bears. And I just assumed you guys would know it, okay!

I would have guessed West Virginia

I'm thinking like North Carolina?

I'm giving partial credit for West Virginia. I do have Virginia, so shen and doa, which is one of Mary Lou Caspers favorite hang outs. Let's see if we can do another one. You guys don't know the university of blank Black Bears, huh?

Nope.

Well it was worth a shot.

Thanks for rubbing it in, meanie!

Please send us your college mascot trivia questions.

Careful, we've had too many of those.

We grabbed Virginia.

Is it the black bear university in the Virginia.

It is not, it is not.

It's the name of the park where you can watch blackbears, in the state they're asking for the response to, is called Acadia.

Maine!

Yes, Maine!

And, uh, Nova Scotia.

So there is a couple others where black bears hang out. Let's see if I give you the state which of course gives away the response, but can you guess the park name. There is one in Florida.

Everglades?

Yes, Everglades has black bears. There is one in Minnesota, named after the explorers of the great lakes.

Cadillac, no no no, who am I thinking of.

Actually, general, the explorers of the great lakes were known as uh.

The lost tribe?

Voyeur, and one in California, the one with the big trees.

Sequoia

Sequoia, Sequoia is the name of the park. Pretty good, that's pretty awesome. Alaska and California each have more parks than any other state, eight each, that's a lot. Alaska however has one park that is so remote that you have to be flown in, and they can't land, they have to drop you off.

Isn't that true of almost any place in Alaska?

Presumably they will also return to retrieve you.

With any luck

Name the park, I'm not sure you're going to be able to get this one, but I'll see if I can walk you through it. So, it is so remote, think of Alaska, here we are looking at our map very very far north and it's almost like it's welcoming you to the extreme north

The north pole

I'm gonna pull a MacGyver because I think there were about ten episodes of MacGyver like that

The arctic circle?

The gateway to the arctic

It's called the gates of the arctic

Nice! Look at that right off the top. Yeah the gates of the arctic that's what its called. That's from parade magazine 24th of June, and I love that you have to be flown in and dropped off, presumably that will come back to get you. If they have to like parachute you in, how are you getting back?

Maybe you like down a rope?

Oh my gosh, that's incredible

Is it a bush pilot?

It is probably something that you like link on to, like in the movies

Yeah that's what I was thinking, you know Santa Claus landing on the roof sort of thing. Not exactly a park, per say, but perhaps the panel can name the first and only agricultural preserve of the United States. See if we can narrow this down, again.

Everglades?

Not the Everglades, though it's quite a bit further west.

Agricultural preserve? I've never heard of such a thing.

Yeah there is only one of them

Could this be something like, in the southwest? Is there like cactus, cacti?

A little further north, then west

Utah, Nevada?

Keep going west

California?

It's in California

You want more than the state?

I wanted the name of the preserve; I'm trying to make sure I get this absolutely right.

Agave!

The Paul Giamatti movie, sideways, they were taking a tour of...

Was it a winery?

Napa valley

Napa valley agricultural preserve! Yeah! That's where the wineries are! I'm glad people know paul giamatti.

I've seen the movie.

That was a good movie

Let's switch gears as I go into a question that starts with, the soap opera one life to live debuted in 1968 and was broadcast almost every weekday for 40 years, the actress Erika Slezak played the character Victoria Lord in over 2000 episodes of the show. How many daytime Emmy awards for outstanding lead actress in a drama series did Erika win?

Did she finally get one?

The Susan Lucci thing?

The Susan Lucci, no this is not that, this is not that. It's a little bit more than one

Two!

So she's the one who won it every year

It's somewhere in between winning every year and two. That's the best I can do right now

Ten

Fifteen

Twelve

The only thing that's missing, I told you it was a milage, we have moved on to the multipart soap opera question. She won six, for the record, it was a record for female performers in daytime drama.

It's a record that anybody gets an acting performance for soap operas.

Soap operas used to be something that I would just watch and laugh at, it was very entertaining, but now none of them even exist anymore, so it's just kind of sad.

Everything has to come to an end.

How many major US tennis clubs still have grass on their playable courts.

US?

What's that one in upstate New York

Oh yeah, not the meta lands, but I know what youre referring to.

The US open?

Yeah, where is the US open played?

Flush

Flushing Meadows! That's what it is. But, I don't have anything beyond a number, how many US tennis clubs have grass courts.

I would say three

Six

I was going to say two, so

I will say 2 and a half, I'll do the kendra thing and go in the middle.

Wrong order of magnitude, so we're going to count that one as a loss. So that is fourteen total

US tennis courts still with grass courts. Well what's the deal, Wimbledon is clay?

No, that is grass

French is clay

French, what's Australian then?

I don't know

That's hard court like the one in New York

Okay, okay

There is two hard courts, yeah

Oh my gosh, there is only one remaining major grass court tennis tournament in the United States. In what city and state is it held?

Flushing Meadow?

No, and I'm wondering whether that's turf or something different

Oh you said grass? I thought you said something else, my fault

This is grass court tournament, major grass court tournament in the states.

I'm trying to remember where grass is legally in, let's see

Michigan?

It's the 13th state! It's quite a bit far east.

Like Massachusetts.

It's in the New England area

Delaware

Connecticut, Rhode island

Maine

It's in Rhode Island, it's Newport, Rhode Island

Newport Rhode Island?

Dan just runs down, technically Norfolk has more gross tonnage. Before an NFL franchise can relocate, what fraction of the league's teams must consent this? This is a pretty cool question.

2/3s

No

I'm going to say three quarters.

Three quarters is what it says here, 75%.

So, I don't follow football very much, but who snuck out in the middle of the night

Was it the Baltimore Colts?

Antonio Brown I think that was.

What franchise actually moved? Was it the Browns to the Baltimore?

Right, there is that. The Browns went to Baltimore to become the Ravens, but then the Browns were reinstated.

But, didn't they sort of sneak out in the middle of the night

Basically

Proverbially, yeah

But were they approved 3 quarters to do that?

That is a good question?

They must have been

But then what about, was it the Chargers that did that too.

Well then let's be serious here I don't think that there is like a ballot box in the locker room. I think that it means 3 quarters of ownership. So, yeah, I think that they did a secret ballot vote and then snuck out in the middle of the night. We are going to sneak out, for a quick break. And we're back with some great questions from our executive producer and professor Vivian Dicks. I

hope she is doing well and enjoying this beautiful fall weather right now. Of the twelve hundred plants native to Hawaii, what percentage of them exist only on the islands of Hawaii and nowhere else on the planet earth, what percentage of.

I bet it's pretty high

50

I would say 90

It's 90 percent

What!

Wow!

Holy Moly!

It's also weird that you know that off the top of your head.

You have become our Alaskan Hawaii ringer.

Yes he has

Never been either place

It's okay, you're doing fine

Really

But I'll go if you want me to do some research

You've never been to the freak states, up there in the corner?

No I have not.

The freak states

I'm being funny

Well there goes our Alaska listenership

Oh thanks man

The Simpsons won a trip once and the company's like just pick some place to go and they can take you as far as 48 because we don't cover Alaska and Hawaii the freak states. And that's what it said on the ticket. William Clay Ford Jr., Ford's executive chairman, and great grandson, of course, of Henry Ford, has a favorite among the line of Ford Cars, what is it? And how many versions of it does he have in his private collection.

Lincoln Continental?

It's not a continental

Model T?

It's more a little obvious

Mustang?

It's a Mustang

Okay

I was waiting for someone to say like, Aerostar

The escort LX!

A topaz, in white, no it's a mustang, but he has how many versions of it because this is a little bit over the top for a car collector

32

Its 20, 20 different mustangs

I figured he'd have one for every single year that they made one, didn't they start in 65?

Why not?

67

But then there's also different models and all that other

I'm still not a car guy, I had no idea there were different mustangs. When someone asks me what kind of car I drive, I say black

Didn't you drive Vlad for the longest time?

Vlad the Impala

Oh yeah

Chevy Impala

I remember that

I just saw this joke on reddit his morning, because they were like, I thought of you actually, dog owners, what do you have there? Oh he's like 20% labradoodle and da da da. Cat owners, what do you have there? Orange. Like no one really cares like beyond the species, you know?

Yeah, but the cool thing about the mustang is it is one of the few ford cars that doesn't have the ford badge on it

Sometimes it has the pony, sometimes it has the ford, but it's been a while since the 80s that they had the ford badge on it. Many years phones could tell us what time it is, people wore wrist watches

What?

That's rude

Vivian, we love you and we miss you so much, some of us still do wear wrist watches, in fact.

They were offered a wide range of prices from the reasonable like the Timex, takes a licking keeps on ticking, to those in the 6 figure category. Some people even view the wrist watch as an investment, what two brands dominate the investment watch market? And we are not looking for Shinola

No. no

Rolex

Rolex is one of them

Patek.

And Patek is the other one.

Patek?

Patek, P-A-T-E-K, now how did you, are you familiar with the Patek brand?

You do know Shinola is made at the college?

Yeah, I understand, there is nothing wrong with shinola. As far as we know, there is nothing wrong with Shinola. What is the price range for a Rolex? You should be able to list both low and the high within a thousand dollars for the price range for a regular rolex.

Five thousand to a million

So it's actually 6 thousand for the low end Rolex,

Remind you, I've got three students who work for Rolex right now

Wow, that is crazy

And they

Design?

Yes

Do they have free samples?

We wish

We'll tell you what time it is, any time you ask

A million is a little bit to high

Quarter million?

Forty grand or something?

You know, I'm gonna give a quarter million, it's threehundred thousand for the most expensive rolex that you can buy

It comes with it's own arm

Yeah

Here you get the arm with it too

You press a button on the arm side and then your doorbell rings and someone comes to wind it for you. I just love the Tongue and cheek here for many years before phones could tell us time.

Do you guys like remember dialing 4721212

Oh sure yeah of course

Yeah

Yeah

What was that one?

We used to do that on midnight for new years eve

So it could tell you the time

You could also call a number and it would ring the phone back

Yeah

Yeah do you remember what number that was?

I don't

I remember star sixty nine-ing people

This was a whole other generation before star sixty nine

Sorry, sorry

We had to dial Mabel and ask for an outside line

How many of you remember party lines?

Yes, absolutely

Not quite that old

I know what they are, that's about it

We've heard about them, like Sasquatch and the Chupacabra.

That used to be the thing

At a recent Soft Bees auction in Genoeva a Rolex Daytona which had developed a rare tropical dial that had faded to a brownish color, had expected to bring in about 200K to 400K, the person who bought it in the 70s paid less than 200 bucks, and a regular Daytona from that time would probably sell for about 150 thousand dollars, for what price did this watch finally sell.

1.7 million

I am going to give everybody else one more shot before I call that a win.

23 million dollars

Okay

This is a faded Rolex

Three quarters of a million

Three quarters, and?

5 million

It's a 950 thousand, so the closest without going over is professor Boats

Now I have to hop up on stage and hug Bob Barker

Oh, yeah

Oh my, Okay. Perhaps some of the profs on the panel enjoy an occasional drink of wine, which they order by the glass or bottle. In England in 97, however, wine was measured by the hogshead, by the pipe, by the ton, how many gallons are in a hogs head?

Let's see, typical hog

Actually, I think I remember having to learn this in whatever grade that was.

What?

I grew up in the country and just you know, bushels and pecks and all that

Did they make you figure out what a half dollar was too? Like who is on the half dollar?

Was it Kennedy?

Yeah, my kids come how counting coins. They're teaching them a half dollar. They've never even seen one. Anyway, I interrupted.

Is it 20?

It's more!

Then it's not a real hog's head

It's not the size of a hog's head

So I have nothing to base an estimate on

More than 20 is more than enough for you to work with

50

63! 63 gallons in a hogs head

But how did they come up with that name?

It makes no sense

How many hogs head in a pipe?

I don't know pipe. I can tell you though, 63 gallons would weigh almost exactly 1000 pounds wouldn't it?

That sounds about right

No, 500. 500

Okay, so that's actually a good jumping off point. How many hog's heads in a pipe, if I tell you that a pipe is you know obviously bigger than a hog's head.

Oh for the love of

So 500 pounds in a hog's head, how about, 1000 pounds in a pipe, so is that 127, 126?

So, it is 2 hog's heads per pipe.

And then a ton is double that

Right, so how many gallons in a ton is our last question?

252

Yeah, 252, yeah that's crazy

I'm not expected to see this in the next Martha Stuart cookbook am I?

I'm sorry because this is the way I live my life, there is an episode of the Simpsons where Grandpa crotchety shakes his hand at the sky and say my car gets 40 rods the hogs head and I can't get it out of my head because it is such a great measurement.

Is that any different that old man berns answering the phone and going hoi hoi?

Oh hoi hoi.

Traditional wine was stored in a barrel then transferred to a carafe for serving at the table, sometime in the 1700s wine began to be stored in bottles. What discovery made that possible?

Cork?

Yeah, it's the cork. 17th century? That's how long it took humanity? Seriously?

Outside that is the thumb.

It was then learned that wine lasted longer in tightly corked bottles and aged differently developing the first bouquet. Just enough time to take on our last wine based question, and why the heck not. Perhaps it's crass to speak of wine in terms of cost, but let's do so anyway. If you

wanted to purchase a bottle of 2009 Lafite Rothschild from Cherry Layman in New York, how much would you expect to pay?

Per bottle?

1000 dollars

P.s. I hope that you would share it with the rest of the panel

I was gonna say about 400

It's more

1700

I'll give it to you, it's 1600 dollars. Yeah 1595, that's from the New York Times

We have a store of wine in the basement of one of the buildings that you would not believe

That is freaky stuff, freaky stuff

So, Jeff, baptism by fire. More recent seasons what we've done is we have come to the end of the show and we end with one of the professors, it's you asking us for to reveal one of our favorite things of anything, if you can come up with a category. And then we kind of go around the panel and talk about what our favorite thing is.

Okay, favorite childhood cartoon, have you done that one before?

No, no that is great. That is actually fantastic! I will go first and say it's an easy call for me with Scooby Doo. The end.

I'm torn. Because I also Bullwinkle, the humor is always very adult, they also touched on some very intelligent things that I didn't discover until 15 years later, so.

Like the cold war.

Dan's nodding his head over there.

Bug's bunny, Loony Tunes.

Classic

Can't go wrong, can't beat them

Jeff, you have the ability to answer your own question if you so choose.

Oh, okay when was I really little it would definitely have been battle of the planets which was the American version of gotchya man from Japan. And then when I got older, I like the adventure stuff, Johnny Quest or

Herculoid

The mysterious cities of gold

Oh yes, I remember the theme song from that cartoon. Mara!

No pressure whatsoever

I'm probably going to have to go with recess

Oh, great! That's fantastic!

Yeah, I actually enjoyed all the kids out at recess, and I identified strongly with I think her name was Gretchen? The nerd.

I'm afraid we have run out of time and that is all the time we have for today so it's time to say goodbye, Mara

See you later

Jeff

Toodaloo

Dan

Good bye

Dave

See ya!

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