

Ask the Professor 2017

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 allow me to introduce you to our panel. To my right from the department of English, its professor Heather Hill!

Hello, I pointed for you to go in the other direction.

But he was writing.

You're always first!

It's totally and completely fine! It's fine. it's fine.

How are you doing Heather

Im okay, Im good, you know its alright

Theres only four weeks left

Yes, because when we get back from break we only have just one week of classes left

That's right, its dead week

Sometimes we have two weeks don't we

A colleague is preparing for a winter sabbatical and I said we only have 4 weeks left! And he didn't even bat an eye, he said, do you want to know how many minutes that is?

No kidding, yeah

Yeah, that's sometimes the way it feels

Good for him

Yes good for him. Continuing around the table, professor Steven Manning is here from Political Science.

Good afternoon Matt

Good afternoon, so what happened in Wisconsin last week, I didn't see

Do we have to tell you about Wisconsin every week?

I don't know

Every single week!

When they win will you talk about it?

Yes, when they win I will talk about it

Moving on, let's move on to politics

No no no, I have to say one more thing, remember football is a game of real estate. I just have to
intone that

I don't want to make any comments, but the real estate that the lions are pedaling lately

Anyway sorry to interrupt, you may now go on to politics because you have experts at the table

When Wisconsin caused such a stir I decided to move onto something less controversial

Like politics

Yes exactly, the entire country is coming down around us, but we soldier on. Professor Mar

Livsey is here from the department of chemistry and biochemistry

Hello

Hello, how are you

I am great I actually was approached by a second student today who told me my exam was fun.

Two, that means it's real

I don't like that

Biochemistry can be fun guys

One of your biochemistry students is chuckling wildly in the control room right now

Thanks for the support over there ray

When you said that originally I was just sort of like but ya that person could have just been looking for candy from your office. But now theres two data points, that's all you need to make a line

That's true

Were very pleased to be joined by a guest panelist this week we have professor Alex Amalin here today from African American Studies thanks for coming

Hello Hi everyone here seems like a seasoned panelist here today, cracking jokes

Depends on what you mean by seasoned

I thought this was a trivia show

Seasoned? I might take offense at that

Light banter

Feel free to engage at any level you want to, this is not serious

Full disclosure Alex is also engaged in the political science department

That is true

I don't know anything about Wisconsin football realestate I do know about the yankees

Lets not go there

I do know that the AL East is a very competitive devision, if youre the redsocks

We're not going there, we're not going there

Historians here

Last team between the boston and the yankees that won the world series was, who was that?

Hmmm lets see

Im afraid Alex that you're going to want tot attack this from the perspective of being invited back

The one thing I do remember, when I was a kid and I would go to Yankees games there was a chant and it used to go like this nineteen eighteen over and over

Over a hundred years ago

And as a soviet immigrant is was over a year after the Russian revolution but it was also the last year for almost a hundred years, that the redsocks had one the world series. So im just here

Moving on!

No longer the case is it

Professor Dan Magio is here from the first organization

Hey Matt

Hes looking quite sporting for fall

I am I broke out the fall wear I decided to try something new everyday and decide what still looks good and fits

In my world you're a fasion flame

I have never been called a fashion flame

Just a vision in brown

Oh my gosh

Not what I was expecting today, I have no sports trashtalk to talk about today. I could care less about sports in general, except curling of course

Everybody has got their weak points

And I will say that Wisconsin is well known for having great curling programs

As does the midgey minnesota

Someone who likes to curl every once in a while, it's professor Jim Tubbs

Barely, oocassionaly

Pull out the five pound weights, it's a little heavier than 5 pounds

Yes it is

How are things going Jim

So far so good, were cruising along here

Something about the way the holiday breaks up the end of the semester, my students are almost always in a stupor after getting back from thanksgiving. So I can wait for that to coincide with exactly 7 days before finals

Yeah, that will be an interesting stretch

Just wonder what you can get accomplished if anything

Just cancel that whole week, you know

Come on professor Mio

Easy street

Someone else on easy street, its professor Dave Chow

Pleasure to be here as always

Excellent, so you don't have any grading to do

None whatsoever

Aren't you the luckiest punk

Im still hoping your kids will come over and rake my leaves

You know they probably could be convinced to do it for a couple green backs

Should I tell them there is a 50 dollar bill in the leaves somewhere and they have to find it

Ill come over for 50

Ill do in for 5

Matt on my boulevard there is a tree and one morning all the leaves were on and literally the next morning

Yep, same with my tree

But a lot of the maples are still hanging on, they are taking their time

They like it when it gets cold

We have had some wind they just didn't lose their leaves

Well folks this is a program, you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel you can win one of our prizes, you can send the questions in a number of ways. You can email us a ATP@udmercy.edu , you can reach us on the web at udmercy.edu/atp you can find us on facebook or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play ask the professor at university of Detroit mercy it will also invade your privacy 24/7 and change the ads that you get on facebook dear matt and panelists im sure youre hearing about our wildfire dilemma here in the west coast but rather than fret about our place or being turned into a crisp, I put the family to the task of coming up with more questions for the show. I have been a tough task master, we even got 30 questions out of them, we hope you enjoy the questions as much as our family does listening to your podcast. Please enjoy our warmest wishes. Pun not taken, yikes California wild fires, as always Frank Burrows from Valencia California.

Thanks Frank

Wherever they are, some sort of shelter or something

Whos 1982 autobiography was titles every secret thing

William Bar

No, that's implying there is secrets. This person is not in any way connected

Bruce Jenner?

Ivanka Trump?

What's the year?

Eighty two

Very famous

Was that a person who had secrets

I would say so, EH

EH?

Paul Harvey

Wasn't Paul Harvey and it wasn't political

Sports?

No

It's a she

I did say it was

PJ Harvey

Pete?

So it was Patty Hurst

Yeah she did have a few secrets

Just a few, and apparently that book was every secret thing so it was very long. We all know the original 13 US colonies, but who were the 14th and 15th

Vermont?

Vermont was number 14

Okay

Do we need to start going out west?

No

Maine?

No, if Kendra were here she woulda known this

Kentucky?

Yes, Kentucky for number 15, yup

I don't know US history, I went to highschool in Canada

Now if you want to know all the provinces we got that one

What was Frank Hayes auspicious claim to fame in the horse raising world? 1923 was the year,
very auspicious

Was it trainer

Not a trainer

He was a jockey, and something happened to him during a race

He fell off and broke his leg

Did not fall off and did not break his leg

He got run over by a horse

Getting closer, he did not get run over

He had a heart attack while riding a horse

That is exactly correct, he had a heart attack, died and won the race as a corpse

Wow, incredible

When does a body officially become a corpse

That is a good question

Well that of course is a very much in debate right now in Oakland county

There you go, absolutely

In a steeple chase, the up and down

With the jumping!

He had a heart attack died and won

He must have been tied on

He was dragged by the stirrups he wasn't actually on the horse

This could have been a weekend at Bernie's moment

Moving on, what's the first non lennon and non mccartney written beatles song to reach number

1?

Great question

Was it Norwegian wood?

No I can tell you it was written by George Harrison

The warm gun while my guitar gently weeps?

Nope, one word title, starts with an S

We sound like a radiator about to explode

Starts with an S?

One word title, first one to reach number 1

Shout?

Not shout

That's a good guess

Thank you steven

S?

Reached number 1?

what's the second letter?

O

So?

What Michigan airport has the airport code AZO?

Kalamazoo

I got a girl in Kalamazoo

What classic novel starts with this line, when he was nearly 13 my brother Jim got his arm broken

To kill a mockingbird

Yes to kill a mockingbird

Cultural touchstone to kill a mockingbird less than 5 nanoseconds, what's going on? 20 minutes just putting that out there

I mean I can remember the words to the song I just can't remember the title

It's one of my favorite albums, it literally was recorded in a basement just a few blocks away from where we are

What is the name of Keanu Reeves' band? That's a good question

Used to be bigger

I have no idea

It has something to do with stars

Dog stars

Dog stars there we go

Am I supposed to know that?

Yeah!

It's in People's magazine sometimes

I think I saw it at the dentist office

If you haven't been to the dentist office in a while you wouldn't know

I am overdue for a dental appointment

Okay, what country was the birthplace of doctor ruth Westheimer

Austria

Not Austria

Germany

Germany, you had a 50/50 shot there

Close enough

Could you give me the state

Is it riveria

Hanover

What was president warren hardings middle name?

Gamalel

Yeah it was gamalel

How does he

That's a fun name

Some biblical name, I cant remember who it was

I nearly said and you got it wrong but it was Galadriel

Okay how many words comprised the iconic Isaac hayes song shaft?

How many words?

How many different words does it take to sing the song?

One?

Is it one?

Its more than one

Three?

Its not three?

80?

Im giving it to you its 84

What?

Alright!

And I can dig it, whats the significance of asking the question with shaft? I can imagine most songs have about 70 or 80 words

Who sat down and counted?

This guy and his family as they were fleeing the wild fires

I thought it was one of the songs that just says shaft over and over again

Its basically just a guitar rift and im talking about shaft and I can dig it

And whos

Whos the man who comes through 10 times out of 10

What 80s science fiction tv series that makes sense featured guest appearances by Jamie lee

Curtis, peter graves, jack palense, frank gorshem, Julie newmar, and gary coleman in the role of the president of the earth

Mourgue

It was Gill Gerard oh what was that one

Do you know this come on help me out

I don't

Erin gray

Are these characters?

Buck Rogers!

Oh buck rogers, in the 21st century

Yes, buck rogers and garey coleman as the president of the earth

Played by Richard nixons head on futurama

I prefer that

How old was roger moore when he portrayed James Bond in the last movie he portrayed James

bond

67th

He was younger than 67

53

He was 57, in a view to a kill 1985 57

Wow

That's old

Not old at all

He could he still could look suave even at that age

For james bond

Bell bottoms and wide collars

I warn you, im roger moore

Name nine of the 10 horizon league school

Detroit mercy, right state, Cleveland state, butler

Milwaukee

University of northern Kentucky

University of Illinois

Is Illinois on there somewhere

Illinois Chicago yes

Wisconsin Milwaukee

Oakland

Yes Oakland

I haven't heard 3 of them which means you need to get a couple more

There's one of them that has a name that sounds like a small child saying something that they think is gross.

IUPUI?

Ya IUPUI

That's what they call themselves that's not a joke, Indiana university purdue university in

Indianapolis

And were missing two more

Butler is no longer

Penguins

One where the mascot is the collective noun phoenix

It sort of looks like its flying through the air, the penguins are from a city in Ohio that starts with the letter Y,

Youngstown state.

And the phoenix is greenbay, that's the one we missed

You have to wave your hands

These aren't the droids you're looking for. At the ripe old age of 20, Al Kayline won the American league batting title with a 340 in 1955 who's the previous 20 year old who won that title. The American league batting title

What year was this?

So for Al Kayline it was 1955 so it would have to be before that

Probably some damn Yankee

Ty Cobb?

It was Ty Cobb, yea a tiger.

I have to echo that the day after the seventh game of game of probably one of the most exciting games of the world series ever, I went out into the hallway and Jane from our main office in chemistry goes did you know that guy is? Yeah, you know that I know who that is. Ya, that's right. He's a senior and he's as old as Juan Soto who just won his first world series rookie season. And he's just like 7 days over 21. That's incredible, that's crazy

Wow.

Which famous politician's last words were reportedly, "I am bored with it all"

Trump

We can only hope

I'm making a prediction

Can the man become bored

Bored with it all

Sounds very witty doesn't it

It's a British politician

Churchill

Yes Churchill, yes carousing at a party

Those were his last words?

Yes his last words

He was like 94

Oh makes sense then

He lived a long time

Wasn't it Churchill carousing at a party and a woman walks out to him

No that was Nancy Aster

Came up to Churchill

Yes they were political enemies

"If you were my husband, I'd poison your drink." "Yeah, and if you were my wife, I'd drink it"

Yep

What was a famous quote.

And another time she reminded him he was drunk; and he said to her "Yes mam, but you're ugly.

and tomorrow ill be sober, but you will still be ugly."

Jeez those were the days

What was famous nfl running back Jim Browns alma mater? Where did Jim Brown go to

college?

Was it UCLA?

It was out east actually

Oh out east

EC?

No

An orange and blue school but not Illinois

Syracuse?

Syracuse yeah, university of Syracuse. The orange, we don't say the orange men or the orange women anymore

What famous US brand name is sold as blend-a- med in countries such as Germany, Bulgaria, Poland, and Lithuania?

Pepto Bismal?

No but that's pretty good

It's in the bathroom realm

Metamucil

It's something I guarantee at least half of you have at your home in the bathroom right now, you probably use it every day

Toothpaste!

Its crest toothpaste yes

Blend-a-med?

How do you know what I have in my bathroom

We've been looking

How dare you

Well the drones the drones

The drones are lingering outside the window

By those backlight shades now

Steve is going to be showering in the dark again

Who was the first celebrity that signed a hotdog bun at Toledo's famous tony packos in 1972

From Mash?

No it wasn't

Farrah Fawcett.

No it was a male

It was a male

In 1972

Known for his moustache

Burt Reynolds?

Burt Reynolds yes

Well he likes a good hotdog yeah and they are good

They are good

What percentage of the world's currency exists in a physical form

That number is going down

38%

Its lower than 38

22%

15%

Its lower than 15

7

Im giving it to you, its 6 percent

Wow

6% of the worlds currency exists in a physical form and its going down everyday

That's amazing

There will be no physical cash soon

I feel like I should be scared to hear that

Why do you need physical cash

Well because you feel more safe if you can touch, I understand that a lot of my vast wealth exists

Im touching electronic money right now right here in my phone

That's not good enough

Im afraid the time has come to wrap everything up so the time come to say goodbye dave

See you

Jim

Goodbye

Dan

Goodbye

Alex

Goodbye and thank you for having me

Mara

Goodbye

Steven

Goodbye Matt

Heather

Bye bye.

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