

Ask the Professor 2019

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. Im your host Matt Mio and let me introduce to you our panel for today to my left from the department of religious studies it is professor Jim Tubbs

Well hello, how are you

Good

Good good

Well this week was pure heck and I'm glad it's over. I can't wait for the holiday

Well I got term papers upstairs that I am working on grading.

I understand. I have a similar stack at home, and it is not getting any smaller

Is it time to start smoking cigars and flicking ashes

No! No, but we are dangerously close dangerously close. Those, of course, being the commentary voices of professor Dave Chow

Pleasure to be here as always

Keeping track of our show

Trying to be helpful with your term papers, that's all

Yes thankyou

Professor Dan Maggio is here with us this whole time we have been you know clucking around and in your looking very somber

Yes I am sorry

Suddenly somber

You don't have to smile. I just wanted to make sure you are okay

I think the sugar is wearing off

Here have some more

Have some more donuts

Pork buns that's what he needs

No I would much rather take the veal parmesan

That's what I thought. I know this guy pretty well. Get him some arancini and we will be talking.

Oh arancini

Rice balls

It breaks my heart that if you go to Ventimiglia and you ask for the arancini they go "rice balls?"

Yes yes

For the record I am going to Cantoros tomorrow

Northville?

Yes I will be getting

The greatest Italian superstore

The one in Northville has much better variety

I go to Ventimiglia

This place is better you're talking about?

Cantoros is good kinda old Italian market that's been around. There's one on 7 and middlebelt which is the original I think it's the original

Very small

They have another one in Northville

It is on the Mio family to do list, we always go shopping in between the two holidays because we don't want to deal with the rush but I said to the kids there is something about the electricity of being in a supermarket of any kind the week leading up to Christmas and I think we're going to come, not to people watch, but to be a part of the hustle

Oh I think it's fun to go to the mall and just watch

That's all Noel night

Lots of people there

Professor Jeffe boats is here from mathematics

I go to Ventimiglia to get all the stuff for the feast of seven fishes you know?

Oh yeah

But one thing I used to go to a place on little mac and eleven mile and they closed and since then I haven't been able to find hard bread that sort of flavored with anise, never been able to find that anywhere

Is it twisted like a bagel?

sometimes oh we will have to talk afterwards

Oh alright

We go to Cantoros every year and the first thing they do is go up to the big glass plate and start pointing at the arancini and they're like "were getting a couple of those and a couple of those, Little arinicini".

Hey folks this is a program where you can send us anything, frankly its been a while since we have had some good Italian food questions if you stump the panel you win an autographed photograph of the ATP panel and the ATP mug. If you don't stump the panel you can win a prize too, the autographed photograph. You can send us the questions in a number of ways email us at

ATP.udmercy.edu 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. Ok here we go, you asked for these so I sent them in love Kymberly Richards.

These are quotes from one of the greatest movies of all time “airplane”

Oh no

But before you begin I have to ask is this one of the greatest actresses of all times escape from witch mountain

Uh no but

Kim Richards

Different

Well we don't know that

This is Kimberly Richards

Yes so here we go

Airplane with an exclamation point

Yes so what we are going to do is basically for the entire question set I am going to start the scene and then when I stop you are going to fill in the next line of dialogue and that is basically the whole thing

It's a bad week to stop something

Right so question number 2 is looks like I picked the wrong week to quit macrosskey says 4 different things throughout the movie

Sniffing glue

Heroine?

No but I will give it to you because one of them was amphetamines

Smoking

Smoking and drinking

There you go you got them all

Darnit we still had so many more voices to go down to

Darn

How about this one I don't know if I am even going to be able to survive this

Yes you will do it come on

Nervous yes very first time no

I have been nervous before

Thank you

Oh my gosh this is what were up against

I believe there is a few softballs to get the juices flowing here

I wont deceive you mister striker were running out of time surely there must be something you

can do I'm running out of time

Stop calling me shirly

Stop calling me surely yes exactly

The classic surely man

This is so

Easy man easy

Get him another donut

No that's gonna make things worse

Captain these passengers don't have much time how soon can we land you can tell me Im a

doctor I am not sure well can you take a guess well not for another 2 hours

Oh boy

Fine I'll ask you again in 2 hours

Very close you cant take a guess for another 2 hours you have to be thinking slapstick

Too literal

This is just wonderful ladies and gentleman this is your stewardess speaking we regret any inconvenience that the sudden cabin movement may have caused this is due to periodic air pockets we encountered this is no reason to become alarmed and we hope you enjoy the rest of your flight by the way

Theres a doctor

Does anyone here know how to fly a plane

By the way is there anybody on board who knows how to fly a plane

And that's when all of the mayhem erupts right in front of the screen

Its wonderful

And it goes from PG to borderline R for that split second

PG 13 at minimum youd better tell the captain we gotta land as soon as we can this woman has to be gotten to a hospital a hospital what is it

It's a place where sick people are

It's a big building with patients but that's not important right now

I think I might bring this home and share it with my kids

Youll kids will probably look at you and how many donuts did you have?

I okay it was a right of passage that when my oldest got to be 13

Wait this is like airplane communion

Well its sort of like that

So my oldest nibling, so niece or nephew, took him and we all sat down and watched airplane so my next youngest one is going to be 12 in February hes like when do I get to watch airplane and I said I'll wet your whistle so I show him the scene where the captain is putting his tie on but its not a reflection and hes like I cant wait to see this

Have you shown your kids monty python and the holy grail yet

I have not

Wait when is blazing saddles

That could be a while

That could be a little bit

Explosively entertaining

Yes

Beans beans and more beans

My orders came through my squadran ships out tomorrow were bombing the storage depots at Dackery at 1800 hours were coming in from the north below their radar when will you be back

Oh boy

When we finish bombing

I just remember the flight over macho grande that's all I remember

I don't know

The flight over Dackery

Its I cant tell you that its classified

Oh

Not as slap sticky

Striker listen and you listen good flying a plane is no different than riding a bicycle

You fall off get back on

Getting there

Scrape a knee

Whats something that you do to a bike to make it sound really loud

Oh you put the baseball cards in the spokes

Its just a lot harder to put baseball cards in the spokes

Oh gosh its so great its really great

I vaguely remember that one now

Johnny what can you make out of this this why I can

Pterodactyl it's a hat

Broach

But why a pterodactyl of all things

I am wondering if its coming up but I cant help myself at all

The radar range?

No no my favorite line from the whole movie its well how did we get to this point well first the dinosaurs were here they were around for a while then its stupid stupid humor

Do we all start to pantomime the fight scene at the dive bar with the knife in the back too

Alright here we go wait a minute I know you youre Kareem Abdul Jabar you play basketball for the Los Angeles Lakers I'm sorry son you must have me confused with someone else I'm the copilot you are Kareem and I've seen you play and my dad's got season tickets I think you should go back to your seat know Joey right Clarence na he's not bothering anyone let him stay in the cockpit just remember my name is Roger Murdock I'm an airline pilot I think you're the

greatest my dad says you don't work hard enough on defense he says that lots of times you don't even run down court and you don't even really try except for the playoffs listen kid

You try guarding some bill russel or something like that I can't really remember

I've been hearing that crap ever since UCLA

Didn't he also rattle off a whole bunch of other NBA centers that he's got to guard

What was it we had for dinner tonight well we had a choice of steak or fish yes yes I remember I had the

Fish

Nope

I had the chicken

Nope

But I remember then they show the scene where it's just like a fish bone perfectly deboned

Trout?

He had the lasagna the lasagna steak or the fish alright get me someone that wont crack under pressure how about blank

There's a movie with Tom Hanks that just came out about this person

Mr. Rogers?

Mr. Rogers ah Fred Rogers we miss you

You saw the one where it was at the hospital where they the widow of Fred Rogers showed up they had all the babies dressed up as Fred Rogers

Yeah in cardigans

That was hilarious

Very cute very cute it was a rough plate the seediest dive on the wharf populated with every reject and cutthroat from Bombay to Calcutta it was worse than

Detroit

Yes Detroit

I had pride in that moment

I was proud

Oh my gosh lets see passengers certain to die passes newspaper on airline neglect passes newspaper on third person says ah

Theres a sale on pennies

Theres a sale on pennies does JC penny even exist anymore

Yeah it does

It does

Oh yeah I think the one at

Lakeside

Oakland mall I think there's one at Oakland Mall

Is there

The one at 12 Oaks is still open too

Yeah

Whats a mall

Whats a mall

Oh gosh its these ones in particular

Captain maybe we ought to turn on the search lights now no

We don't want to give our location away

You're almost there

This is where they dump all the lights onto the tarmac

I think that's what it was no that's just what they'll be expecting us to do

I mean I guess you folks have to tell me this came out when I was a kid I'm sorry to put it that way but we don't have a sensibility for this kind of humor this movie came out now it would be a complete wash

It'd be a dud yeah

It would be a dud

Just look at airplane 2

I kinda liked airplane 2

It was okay but the novelty had worn off

Yeah the novelty had worn off

The last movie like this I can think of is naked gun

Oh yes absolutely

That went a little

Do you remember the TV series what was it police story or something like that

Oh police squad

Police squad yes

I could never make it past the credits because it was the top of the police car and it would go through houses and stuff like that and the voice over would say tonight's episode a breakout at the jail but then a different title words would show on the screen and I couldn't watch anymore I was laughing so hard that I died alright one more here one more would you like to make a donation to the church of religious consciousness no thanks

And then he decks the guy right

Right but says something first

I gave it the office

I gave it the office back in the day when there were video rental stores even before Blockbuster you'd go get the VHS tape and pay the rental fee and walk out with it and right on the front of the case would be some serial number that they used to store it so one day I was looking at the number 62 whatever and I said what's number one what is number one on your it was airplane the first choice

Oh that's awesome that's very very cool

I still have a Blockbuster card on my keychain

Are you kidding me we're gonna think about that for an extra minute here while we take a break
It's an ATP flashback does our panel have anything appropriate to say as we launch ourselves into 1984

I think that as we race into a new year we should all realize that nothing is really going to improve or as my father used to say when I was but a child cheer up George things will get worse

The worst is yet to come

We have the same father

He was right of course

Sarah any words of wisdom?

No can't think of any

In Latin

Well that was good I like that

That was good

Life is harsh and complex

And that's why we like it

Life is wonderful and you should be having a good time all the time

Yes how about that

All the great times cant be forgot and never brought to light

Not so loud

We can't do this

Eight seven six

And we are back thank you very very much for sending in those awesome airplane questions

doesn't even get close to covering all the fantastic lines in that movie

Or all the sound effects

Sound effects or the visual gags that stuff makes me laugh very hard

I guess I remember all the visuals

Okay so we have a set of questions thanks again to professor Mar Livezey for our students

sending in some questions these are sent by Detroit Mercy Biology Major Mark Rabideau, but

these are not classic trivia these are probing questions to get deeper into the psyche of the

panelists

Oh well probing questions

What did your parents do for a living and what impact did it have on your choice of career

My parents worked the restaurant trade so I learned to eat well

Done

Well my mom was a domestic engineer and my dad worked in data processing so one day he took me to take a kid to work day and this is back in the day when computers filled entire rooms and their buttons on the wall to shut the whole thing down in case it caught fire

You didn't touch a button

Yeah well it was about five hours of work for him to start up the computer

Rebooting a computer took a couple of people a couple of days

Vacation time thanks to Jeff

Well my father was a minister but I did not screw up any of his congregation

Did you ever push the big red button

No no I never found it

Did you ever take a big swig from uh baptismal font

No I never did that either

Go swimming in there or something come on

How about you Dan

My mom was a domestic engineer and then an office worker my dad was a self employed electrician who taught me that I should never do my own electrical work

I kinda figured that one out on my own

Does that kind of fit into the category of like never be the person in charge of taking the photos at your friends wedding

I have a comfort level with doing some basic things but he taught me that you should have a professional do electrical work

Got it got it

Well what is a passion of yours that you rarely share with people around you at work

Well you already know that I like classic ocean liners

Yeah but that's public what's something that's more and it's not because you're trying to hide it it's like it doesn't come up at work I think is what Mark is getting at

I got one

Okay

Weird obscure music in the sense that I don't know if you guys ever listen to Anda Leese she does every year she does like a guilty pleasure show and she will like ask for these horrific songs that you would never actually admit to and I always have a list of a mile long of just God awful songs that I happen to have on my

So you sort of collect them

Yeah on my iTunes they are just like embarrassing songs like half the ZanyDOS soundtrack and stuff like that Flash Gordon with Queen and stuff like that

I think I have still got an album that I won on the radio from 1968 by Question Mark and the Mysterians

The Mysterians from around here!

Yeah my dad had that one

Yeah he grew up in Royal Oak question mark he grew up in Royal Oak he was the very first high ranking or possibly getting number one what is it 96 Tears that was a person of Latino descent

Wow

Making it into the top ten yeah oh my gosh question mark

I remember 96 Tears was on the radio every 10 minutes

Yes yes

With that organ in the background

It was a Hammond organ too

Hammond

Yeah it was an old Hammond organ if I remember right

What other passions of yours do you rarely share with people at work

I could fill in the gap by telling you what mine is I try to learn as many words in the English language as I can I think they're fun

Reading the dictionary as a kind

Yeah exactly it allows me to wallow in my own crapulence

I follow chess a lot I played pocker and I like to play chess online and I really get into like championship tournaments in chess and following the big names there and

Very cool very cool

Come on Dan you got to have something

Killing the planet

Is dan just an open book and that's the end of it

I mean if you asked me 10 years ago I would have said online gaming for sure but not anymore I don't have the time

What about battle bots

You know a fetish or something

I don't know about battlebots I don't know if that counts for the question or not

It sort of does its not something people would guess about you

Your inner geek you know everyone gots

Star wars star trek

Star things

How do you get started every day on a step by step bases what is the first 2 or 3 things

Oh ill learn how to use my limbs all over again I don't think I have awakened refreshed and ready to start the day its just why get up

I think it happened to me in the 80s but that was the last time yeah

I get out of bed and the first thing I do is walk directly to the coffee pot and make coffee and everything else follows

Sometimes I always drink out of it

Probably drink more than a liter of water right when I wake up

Lot of people do that

29 ounces

Why 29

Because that's what in the little metal flask that I have next to my desk

Right right

Just waking up rolling out of bed

I grab my kindle and read the free press that's what I do everyday and its lame because I get all the new pushes on my phone so all the stories for the next day but it makes me feel like I am still reading the newspaper

I wanted an old school newspaper

Its never gonna happen never ever ever what is a major roadblock you have had in your life and how did you overcome it

In college I got kicked out of illustration

Because

I wasn't good enough

So you didn't like flip off the teacher

Oh no no no I when I was in school after your first 2 years you had to declare your major and I declared I want to do illustration the department chair said I wasn't good enough

Wow

I was devastated because I have never been told you cant draw good enough but at that time they just want you to paint draw card and go into industry and I didn't want to do those at all so somehow

Somehow the way that you told that story reminded me of a buddy of mine from highschool Derrick who works locally and you see him every year about this time thanksgiving because he invite us to come watch the parade with him down town and hes always got some breakfast food for my kids and he gives my 7 year old emmet whatever 6 year old he was last year coffee and he says be careful with this coffee it stunts your growth and all your hair will fall out derrick's like 7 and a half feet tall and this giant hair and something about the way you delivered that message and that may be the man I am today

I remember how traumatic it was I was like what I got turned down, but it turned out okay I think What other roadblocks have people had in their lives and how did they overcome them

Did everybody have an easy life or

Alright I'll go in grad school I lost my assistantship after 4 years because I was not doing research to the satisfaction of the professors so I sort of had to go rogue

That would be a kick to the face

Without the professors helping me I just went and got a job as a lecturer on my own for 2 years and then got a job here without them helping me and finally I finished a doctorate managed to stay here permanently but I didn't really have anybody on me supporting me whatsoever in my

pursuit of careers it was sort of a rubber stamp at the end when I got my doctorate like okay fine go because I had a doctorate and I was able to stay here and not just be a lecturer

Wow that's a pretty big roadblock you solved it on your own that's awesome

Well when you only want one thing what are you gonna do quit

Yeah

Just keep doing it

Well I remember that I failed integral calculus because part of the because I could never figure out why I was in integral calculus

I'll tell you a shocker I failed a course in math one time, in grad school I failed partial differential equations one because the guy teaching it took one look around the classroom and it was me 2nd year kinda okay second American grad school student B average trying to get through and 3 guys from Russia who published more papers than anybody and you know what I am going to do some advanced stuff and it went right over my head

So you mind as well have just been talking a different language to you

That same guy ended up being my dissertation advisor

Oh that doesn't help

That's why I tell people you know don't feel bad if you get a bad grade

Did you re-take the class

Yeah and the guy taught it the way he was supposed to and I got an A so

But yeah that same guy gave me a chance when I came to him with a project that nobody else was supporting me on and he was like okay

Failure has a way of

You know you learn a lot from failure

Everytime

Don't be afraid to fail

Yep

What other profession other than the one you are in would you like to or would still like to in the future try

That's easy, travel channel correspondent

That's your plan

Think about it you get to stand in front of a camera and talk about the 5 star hotel you stayed in hey jim how was that 5 star restaurant we just dined in you know how much fun would that be

You know it's the guy on PBS that

Rick Steve

Oh I wouldn't mind being Rick Steve

What a cushy job he has

How do I get that

He knows so much though he knows a lot about culture

He spent like 30 years traveling the world

But think about you know jim you never get off a cruise ship think about it from one to another

Didn't we hear about that ship on our last show the one where they were trying to make people permanent residents on it

What was it the world

Several organizations just found out they could save money that way by passage

Tell me if that's not a good one for everyone

But there was already on the queen Elizabeth too she was an elderly lady and she liked being on the ship so she just bought one cruise after another and just stayed in the same cabin for a long long time

Years

Yeah and then I think she had to transfer to some other ship when they decommissioned it and they sold it

They just sold it and locked her in

Salutes as the ship goes down

Oh no its still afloat it just doesn't have any crew

Mam there wont be any more soup on Thursdays

Yeah

Wow

She was the entertainment at that point

I am afraid that is all time we have for today Jeff

See you later

Dan

Not very good at just bye

Dave

Bye

Jim

Bye

And now these words

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