

The University of Detroit Mercy presents another encore presentation of a classic ask the professor radio program today's show takes us back to October 2005. Thank you so much Michael Jayson. This is Ask the Professor, the radio show where you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy witless professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers here in Motown. I'd like to introduce today's panel to you and then our special guest, I should say guests in the plural. So let me start at the far end of the table from the Department of Communication Studies our media maven himself, It's Professor Jerry Curtsinger. The L.S. program. Excellent. I spent about an hour talking about that a little while ago. Trust me, who is the director? It's Stephen Manning. Manning is. Okay, I know it's shifted. Yes, it did. It really did and I'm here because I'm not in hockey for a change. But we are so glad, but we're so glad that puck is back in our house, I couldn't stand another one of those CBC movies on Saturday night. The worst part is that Mac's On Third I think is no more, I know. Oh, and we send out condolences first of all to Tony Bruce, and very sadly Tony's mother has passed away. So, again, our deepest sympathies and condolences to the whole Bruce family who always treated us like family. So we're sad to hear that. Truly, I know that the issue is a legalistic one, it's the famous Michigan Liquor Control Board thing that is just__ Poor Tony, so we had hopes and prayers that things work out for Tony and that someday we'll be back down at Mac's eating some hamburgers and taping some great shows. Indeed, indeed. Now to Jerry's right and my left, from the Department of Mathematics and from engineering and sciences, it's Professor Jeffe Boats. Now I'm all confused. You're using these left right permutations and I'm all scrambled. But you're a math guy, so you can straighten them out. If anybody could do vectors. I was gonna say, my money is on you for graphing theory and everything else there. Oh, I'll do my best. Okay, good man yourself. And next to Jeffe, and next to me from the Department of Philosophy it's soon to be paroled chair it's Professor Beth Oljar. It can't be soon enough. I'll be patient, don't stop the music. Are they gonna make you wear a Lojack for a while it just came out To my right, the hardest working director of the Honors Program ever at this university, I'd like to introduce Professor Dave Koukal. Thank you so much. Now you are. This, Dave has truly done a magnificent work. We have a record number of freshmen this year, taking Honors courses. Dave has worked like a demon to get that schedule. He has done and dealt with the chairs better than anyone since Al Capone or myself.

I'm blushing.

You should be.

And more than anything he was not Chuck-sized.

Yeah, we do not want that. And our special guest today sitting next to David which is appropriate, is someone who has a master's in library science from Duquesne University, and we'd like to welcome Sharon Vlahovich with us today. Thank you so much, and we are so glad you could be here.

I have a correction though. She got her master's from Pitt.

Forgive me. Hey, we don't want. Oh, so you're one of those pit school name? University of Pittsburgh. No, but I mean the sports team. The Panthers.

In my junior in Ireland, there was a woman from Pittsburgh, who went to Pitt. I was trying to think of the animal because we both joined the fencing team to take hot showers because we don't ever have a shower in Ireland, let me tell you, and she insisted on wearing her Pitt hat, even at University College Cork events and oh so she was the first one to kind of wear hip hop style. and that's where that came. Yeah, so that was always that so I always say Annie you started the hip hop generation girl. And now as the Catholic Mother of seven, I wonder how her children - I should get a hold of her kids. Since I have fellow ex-Pittsburghers here, I gotta ask, especially since you were at the pitt, right, you must have sampled the fine cuisine at the O, right. The original O. Oh yes, where the small fries serve six. Small fries, only if they were big eaters. Yeah. Did you ever have any kind of fry or Oh, did you ever have a Pierogi Pizza at Michaels on the south side? Pierogi pizza, no, no. Where they just put the fries right inside.

But the Pierogi pizza was actually what it was, it was potatoes. It wasn't probably pizza. It was a pizza with mashed potatoes. Is this near the hockey arena? cuz I'm going there next week.

No.

Everything's close in Pittsburgh so we have, we have three people that attended graduate school appears in in Pittsburgh: Sharon, Dave, and Jeffe. And the big three colleges. That's right so Pitt, Duquesne and Carnegie Mellon. correct. Indeed, or Carnegie Carnegie Oh yeah, with a Scottish accent you try to do the show where we have to we actually speak the Pittsburgh lexicon which is where you actually you know you use rubber bands become company bands and you drop your infinitive like you say this this room needs vacuum dropping right.

Instead of yeah instead of y'all you say y'en's Pittsburghers like going to the hockey game tonight, we know, Jerry will be Terry I'll certainly be a hockey game HD net truck driver they've got a rockin team this year.

Unknown

Crosby is playing for pride as seal Harlow reporter, from the Toronto Globe and Mail farmer. That's right.

Unknown

Yes, that's what we call Crosby nation. Okay.

Did you get the email on

Hockey comes to Belfast Did you get one before. Yes, I did. I loved it. From the Canadian Film Board. Thank you.

Unknown

Well, This is the show where you can send us questions on hockey on french fries on philosophy and mathematics on film or whatever you want. And if you stumped the panel you will win a fabulous t shirt, as well as the autographed photograph or photographed autograph. And if you don't stump us, you get you get it, you get a prize so what you got to lose again, we should say the non winners packets not a losers package that's not very high. So how do you get out of this experience well you can do it a couple ways via email. You may email me that's bush k t at Udm Mercy.edu. You may even fax the professor at area code 313-993-1266, or you know go get a stamp and slap it on an envelope and send it to University of Detroit Mercy, 4001, West McNichols Detroit Michigan. 48221. The last time we had some questions from Bert Tilly of Attalla Alabama who has been a longtime listener and certainly has given us some of the best questions. He always has questions for the panel and some are general questions and some are specific. So we want to give Jeff and an opportunity to answer his question which was, Jeff. Were you one of those child prodigies okay I was doing. weird funny stuff when I was young. Yeah, sure. Okay, that's fine now the general question to that standard I'm a product. I was gonna say, well, we were they were they things that were brainy and perhaps I should have brought my grades when I was young, I was seven years old, fifth grade A

Unknown

weird adjustment Yeah. Oh, you've done okay don't worry about that the general question which I'd certainly want to give Dave and Sharon, a chance to answer is, do you own a tire pressure gauge. Yes, Sharon absolutely insists on it. In fact she's, she's upgraded and I know how to use it. I don't know how to use. I know how to use it. I do talk to my dad so did my Dad, I'm so glad to hear that he said that a woman should know how to change a tire, check the air, you know, change the check the oil, water and all that, and, and he said, you know, don't to be dependent on how to do all the car maintenance in our house.

Unknown

And we had one last question from Bert, that we didn't get to actually. And here it is, because this is the determinant we figured out Well, let's throw this Jeff was to make sure that Dan was right 12 out of 16 is what percentage of percent excellent Dan is on the mark, why, even I can calculate that. The first two thirds of this of its upper section forms and international border, typically one and a quarter mile wide in this section it widens it points to form Lake St Francis and Lake St. Louis, its middle section includes locks on Pierre, and its lower section is as wide as 90 miles named the second longest river in Canada.

I wish I could name the first. Okay. Now, the first thing, is Burt Canadian? No, Bert is from Attalla, Alabama. Okay. So, is there such thing as a Quebec River? No, but this river is in Quebec and, I think, usually I think it's about the Ottawa River. St Lawrence River? Yeah it is the St. Lawrence River. There is rafting on the Ottawa River.

If you start naming provinces in Canada, you're gonna get it.

Bert, I'm sorry buddy. You didn't stop us but let's get you a new t shirt and we definitely want to make sure we get the photo, when it's ready to you. Okay. And we have another set of questions that comes to us from Tom DeWitt of Farmington Hills, Michigan, who's becoming a regular, he said, I heard you asked my questions this morning on the radios first of all I have not sent you any questions about musicals in the past somebody thought that Tom had sent us Musical Questions, but to sit I don't know if I'll do so in the future, but he said you asked what led to the teaming up of The Adventures of Superman radio show, so I'll try to tell you briefly. The plot in the radio show was very simple. Batman was missing. So Robin came to Metropolis to ask for Superman's assistance in finding the Cape Crusader. So in a moment, he said the 1952 comic book story was a bit more involved that Clark Kent was going on an ocean voyage for his vacation. When he was informed that the ship was overbooked and was asked to share his room with another passenger who turned out to be, Bruce Wayne. Because if you, if you make two passengers share you pick you pick the richest guy that has to share. Well, isn't it and he's saying here and I love Tom's comment here in parentheses, you would think that with all his money Bruce Wayne could afford to have gotten private quarters but I guess that would have spoiled the story.

No, I mean that's pretty interesting okay who did they fight over Lois Lane, whoo, whoo Yes, interesting element here -C was that Lois Lane seem to have an interest in the Caped Crusader over the Man of Steel. Lois – you teasin' little tart ya. go for the psycho over the straight guy. It was kind of interesting. Anyway, he said now to some new business and new questions, a few questions about James Bond. We can only get one wrong.

Let's see, 123, 8, what percentage someplace oh yes okay I was gonna give you my list. Okay, who was the first actor to play, James Bond, Sean Connery. No, this is dealing with a 1954 series television series. wasn't George Lazenby either. No, it wasn't.

This, this is a very odd. Okay, let's see. Let me help you with some clues, the last name is the same name as a 50s family. A happy TV family, most definitely right Nelson, okay. And the first name is the same name as someone who actually, let's see, he started off as being Bet Midler's piano player, remembering okay so Barry Nelson, there's how the advertisement man well first went solo I know in the detroit news the entertainment section it was Barry Manilow them but he said that Miller's musical director because they first met when she was singing at the bass in New York City. That's how he was a piano player at the bathhouse. They are one of the more popular ones so his was one of my first ramblings now, he writes that explains that Barry Nelson starred in the 1954 TV show that was became a series called climax and one of the shows was an adaptation of Ian Fleming's novel Casino Royale, never made a movie out of it. Yeah, I guess the next one is going to be, they're going to start all over again from the beginning. I find really strange because they refer to him during this as Jimmy Bond, I just do not imagine James Bond as a Jimmy. Valerie Mathis plays Linda Christensen making her the first Bond girl and

Peter Lorre became the first Bond villain when he played Le Chiffre. Yeah. Yeah. But Peter Lorre that's an interesting role. Okay. Sean Connery was not the original choice for the movie role of double oh seven. Interesting. And when I learned of this fact and who was considered for the role I thought that this veteran actor would have made a great James Bond. Richard Harris. Who did I hear? Cary Grant absolutely. awesome.

Yeah, cause John Robbins in Sweden Cary Grant would. He has that wonderful repartee. And there was Grace Kelly in that movie. And he'd actually be a funnier Bond. He was really great. I like his comment here, could you think of Mae West as a Bond girl.

No way. No, I don't see Mae West – Why don't you come up and shoot me some time. The reason I love this is – Tom worked at the Borders where we taped live, and he heard me make the comment how dismayed I was that they're while they've been specials on WC fields I've rarely ever seen anything on Mae West, who I'm, who really had a Broadway career, she did a number of different things. She sent us a questions on Mae West so thank you Tom. That was some good memories. That was a good place to go once I found it.

Yeah, that was a little yeah I know I thought I was gonna have to get my passport stamped. And I kind of had that dissonance in that way. Okay. When assignments would take bond to the USA, he would often have the cooperation of the CIA and the help of CIA agent, Felix Leiter. Many different actors played this role in the movies, the first being Jack Lord.

Tony Burke. one actor however played the role of Felix twice. Who was it and in what movies, did he play this role. By the way, remember, we can't get anything else wrong. Yeah. We gotta get all double oh seven. goes there this is like, Oh my movies would be, I'll say Gold finger and Live And Let Die. Live And Let Die is one of them. This is true.

Unknown

No, it's another film that begins with an owl. I can give you that clue live and then we did love it like die. This I think is a later film.

Unknown

You need one to drive not to die. license to kill, there we go. okay now that's. Oh, I can't give you. That's 1973 and 1989. So that's, like, yeah, yeah, yeah. Felix Leiter. Okay, yeah, and turbo. Lifeline out to cubby broccoli.

We get the initials? D H.

As an Lawrence.

Unknown

I think there should be a constitutional amendment banning the d h. So do I. It ruined baseball. Thank you, David someone or other? it's David his first name. Absolutely. Okay.

David Hall, right before his Rock Financial career.

oh, this will, I'm only gonna take off a half point for this, since Beth did get the first name, and it is midterm time here.

David Hedison. Oh yeah, okay. I can't picture as a character actor okay I can picture a British American give me some info on this guy so CIA guy. Well, he's Felix Leiter dog. Yeah, okay. Well, let me buy into this later until we are Canadians.

If I always think of the special breeds first. Okay. When a villain goes against double oh seven, it is unlikely that he will be alive by the end of the movie. There are however two notable exceptions. One was Aaron Styro.

Yes, the head of Specter. Who masterminded plots for global domination in the early Bond films and even pitted himself against bond in three movies, and still managed to survive. Originally, he was just a figure whose face was never shown to the audience, until bond met him and You Only Live Twice. On Her Majesty's Secret Service and Diamonds Are Forever named the three actors who played this character. Telly Savalas was in my favorite. That's right. My favorite. Donald Plaisance played him once, didn't he. Okay, you got it in the film so let's just below was on Her Majesty's Secret Service, right okay and Donald plus us you ride the dog. Do you know what film that was good picks up the third Diamonds Are Forever. His Diamonds Are Forever but this is a different film that Diamonds Are Forever that same guy who plays the criminologist in Rocky Horror.

I can't think of his name, though.

I'm a Rocky Horror virgin, so

I would imagine that I've never seen that. I can't think of his name though.

Well, Wait a minute. We're gonna take a break and let's think about that.

(I'm your host of underwear today we've got them all the whole panel is right here today. Should we hold him as they won't do any kind of Unitarian ritual you know, my in laws do it.

Dinner holding hands

on my right from the Department of religious studies professor George Pickering. Well, it's less of a pleasure.

Sometimes they won't touch me.

put your pants back on George, and maybe we will.

To my left, the Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Kathy Bush.

I'm so happy to be here.

On Kathy's right, from the Department of history professor Sarah Gravelle. On Sarah's right from the Department of English professor, Claire Schumann Heink Crabtree. What?

Good to see you. Cheers

Cheers. Madame Schumann Heink was a very famous contralto. oh thank you. yes she toured the entire western world. In the 20th century giving farewell concerts for about 35 years. Now my forbear Lotta Crabtree, as people in California might know, made millions of dollars, singing, wow, operetta style musical stuff around the turn of the century. earlier than that, it turned out this

It was her house.

Veterans and horses.

Also,

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and we're back with questions.

Great questions on James Bond So, and pretty tough standard here today one wrong or well we don't really have. Remember you got partial credit.

It's more important that you learn the sub that's the philosophy here, so I can't remember that actor who was both Stavro Blofeld and also in the Rocky Horror Picture Show. All I remember is he has the rooster claw on his face you know. You did get it right that he played Blofeld in Diamonds Are Forever. his first name is the same first name as our current Dean and liberal arts education. Charles. and his last name. Let's see.

As soon as you say it, I'm going to be able to picture it on the screen dripping red blood.

I don't know if I want to say it now.

Charles Durning.

No, not Charles Durning.

The second name is the same as a really boring color sky in November.

Grey.

There it is. Charles Grey is the criminologist, there you go. And Beth - You had mentioned Donald Pleasence before. You just need to tell us what film it was.

Oh it's for, it's -

Think reincarnation, but limited reincarnation. You Only Live Twice.

There we go. Okay.

All right. Okay.

I love Donald Pleasence.

Yeah, good actor.

This other villain faced James Bond twice, once in The Spy Who Loved Me and again in Moonraker.

Jaws. Richard Kiel.

Okay.

Ah, The Spy Who Loved Me, has the best of the band theme songs because it's Carly Simon. Yeah. Oh, nobody does it no one does it better? Live And Let Die's a close second. So that's true it is you got it and so we'll just finish the question.

Unknown

Yeah, do you mind. No, no, no it you gotta say it. His name was a bit of a joke referring to a Steven Spielberg blockbuster that was, was released about a year before The Spy Who Loved Me, and that villain was

Jaws.

This Bond girl was known to American TV viewers before she starred with George Lensby in "On Her Majesty's Seat" Yes, and what part did she play on the adventures? Emma Peale. She's not the first. No she wasn't, there was Anna Blackman and then there was third one was Linda Thorson. That's right. She was a second. She was a second Diana was in the middle of that my wife bought me that set of videos, ah, put it but it's somewhere in the basement.

Of the Diana Rigg Avengers. Drew is so in love with Diana Rigg.

Is it her Diana Rigg giant "kick me" boots

If she wore the catsuit on Masterpiece Theater, people would actually watch it. He actually has played the one role that she played that I thought was absolutely diabolical was mother love that she played on a PBS series where her ex husband was David McCallum who remarried and she was so insanely jealous when the son got married that she began to go out and poisoned poison. You know, potential suitors and then the wife that she used marzipan to hide her like Sweeney Todd, it was a she was so evil in this film but so passively aggressive evil, she's fun she's hilariously funny are Maggie Smith and evil under the sun. Yes, they have very very good that was back and forth. Her character ended up married to double oh seven, even though she got killed in the band event her death in the next film and interesting, isn't the very next one, it was later. Oh, well, he just indicates the next one so we're gonna point back

Unknown

the wife's name is Tracy so we should get a point for that.

Unknown

Okay, because it looks

Unknown

so familiar to liking they're always nickel and dime.

Unknown

Absolutely. One of the traditions of the Bond films has to have a big name talent sing the title song of the film. Some artists who have had this honor are Shirley Bassey, Tom Jones, Paul McCartney and Wings, Tina Turner and Madonna. However, there are three Bond movies that just have an instrumental that plays over the opening credits, what movies are these.

Dr. No, of course because that's the James Bond theme by John Barry. Yes. All right, Her Majesty secret service. Yes. And one more. Think Eastern European. From Russia with Love, there you are now. Oh, That's It has words but not in the opening, it just plays over that. Okay. Well, no one sang over the titles in From Russia With Love someone did sing it when the film ended. Who was that singer?

Unknown

No. Okay, well let's go We'll try some clues here first name is the same name of the missing professor from Biochem here today, Matt. Matt.

Unknown

Well no, I mean, he teaches Biochem.

Okay, and the last name is the same name of a town south of us, very close to a nuclear power plant. So it's the same his last name is alliterative, and it has the same name as the city near the Toledo.

Monroe. That's right. Matt Monroe is Matt Monroe, I don't know. That was his 15 minutes I think right there. We should elongate this I think it was only about three and a half.

Can we get a little more here?

Actually we are actually in the middle of this. There we go, Die Another Day is actually good Bond film because it starts with him being captured by the North Koreans and tortured. We're gonna save this question for the panel till next time, but let me thank today's panel and special guests, Professor Koukal, visiting professor Sharon. It was fun to be here, Professor Curtsinger. Oh, Nantucket nectars for everyone. Yum yum yum. Professor Boats. Oh if I'm captured I'll give my name rank and serial number Jeff boats Associate Professor 3.14159. Good man.

Professor Oljar.
Later.

1995 Thank you, laughter, who are Baby Ruth candy bars named after. The president's kid, while the president is President yes yeah that's right over Cleveland's daughter. yeah Ruth. was that ? yes she's the one that you know, Where's my pa? Gone to the White House, ha ha ha.

No it was during the Kennedy years.

No. That was Grover Cleveland, mayor of Buffalo.

But now, aren't the ads trying to make some connection to Babe Ruth. Maybe because they were written by idiots. Oh, cuz they don't know, they're not like intentionally trying to mislead. no no, they're just stupid people. They are uneducated. it's to advertise. You're leaving out the crucial point, they're uneducated, stupid highly paid people, they are. We're not bitter I'll say that. We're generous of spirit.

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