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Matt: The University tower chimes bringing in another session of Ask The Professor, the show on which you match wits with the 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. If we're lucky, he'll turn off his camera for a split second, Professor Dave Chow, and show us what his icon is, when his camera is turned off.

Dave: A pleasure to be here as always. Give me one moment, and I will turn off the camera.

Dan: Is that short stack from Indiana Jones 2?

Dave: You got it.

Dan: Short round, sorry there.

Dave: There's nothing more fun than going to a zoom meeting and posting that up and just leaving the room and cranking up the volume.

Matt: Dave you gotta tell everybody about your big project that you're working on in the great city of Berkeley. The one you messaged me about!

Dave: Oh! That one.

Matt: Yeah!

Dave: Oh I'm redoing the interior to O'Mara's on 12 and Coolidge.

Matt, Dan, Dave: Oh really?

Matt: So, fire it on Mother's Day.

Dave: But it's on hold right now Matt. There's insurance issues, you know, but it is strange going in there with all the furniture and everything removed and the ceiling panels gone. It'll be interesting, we'll see what we come up with.

Matt: One morning I opened my phone up and there was a mysterious picture in Facebook of the interior of O' Mara. I'm like, "Who could this be?"

Dave: It's me!

Matt: You've got it. So, someone else who got the green shirt memo, Professor Jim Tubbs is here with us today.

Jim: Howdy.

Matt: What's going on, Jim?

Jim: Oh, not a whole lot running errands, you know. Trying to act like I'm doing something so I don't do my homework for the online teaching courses I'm taking.

Matt: Let me tell you. Professor Kendra Evans, who we hope joins us perhaps a little bit later in this broadcast, or perhaps another, has mentioned to me...I asked her, "What have you learned," Jim, you know, "from going through this course?" And she goes: "The amount of email, our students must have gotten from Blackboard last year," like that's what she learned.

Jim: Yes.

Matt: Every single time there's an update, we get a message right?

Jim: Yeah.

Matt: A lot of work, a lot of work. And there's nothing like having one of your colleagues grade you. That's all I got to say. So you're just doing the classic 4-weeker Jim?

Jim: Well, I'm starting the classic 4-week-er on Monday, but although we're already getting announcements about it today. But I was taking two other ones about, you know, teaching online

asynchronously and synchronously, and I am filled with more information than I will ever be able to wait back out of!

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Jim: Fortunately, Marty Leever made up a cheat sheet of how to put together lectures with PowerPoint slides. You know, do this and then press this button, and then do this and then this button. So I'm hoping that will help me.

Matt: Necessity is the mother of invention.

Jim: Exactly.

Matt: Continuing in my Brady Bunching here in the next panel, I see Professor Dan Maggio is with us.

Dan: Hi Matt.

Matt: What's goin on Dan?

Dan: Not much. Wrapping up another busy week. It was a tough day. Lots going on.

Matt: Yeah.

Dan: Fridays are supposed to be catch-up days, and I have to catch-up for my catch-up.

Matt: Sort of like being on a committee to evaluate evaluations.
Sometimes just the way it works out.

Jim: To re-evaluate evaluations.

Matt: That's the perfect segue, right Professor Hill? Into your introduction.

Heather: How are you?

Matt: I hope you're having fun working on this project that we've only had one meeting for, or sort of two.

Heather: There are good people on the committee, so you know.
Oh that's right, you're on the committee too.

Matt: Hah hah, I knew that joke was coming...

Heather: No, it's nice working with you again, Matt.

Matt: It is! I was about to say the same thing. I hope that it would be more successful than the last committee I was on with Professor Stephen Manning, who is next in line...

Stephen: The meetings were great.

Matt: The meetings were great. Yes, yes.

Jim: He's a retiree! Don't remind him.

Dave: Come on, Jim, you coulda slid out too.

Matt: Hey folks. We're very blessed to have with us here long-time Question sender, Kymberleigh Richards, live from the San Fernando Valley, calling in to Ask the Professor today. Thanks for coming, Kymberleigh.

Kimberly: Happy to be here as always.

Matt: So nice to hear that kind of tone of voice.

Steven: That was an allusion to the fact that right before we started recording, we were talking about the late George Pickering and that wonderful cackle of a laugh and. And then the late Edwin Dewindt's reaction always being, "Oh, dear." I've been a listener that long. I've enjoyed the show that long that I have many fond memories of it with Edwin and George so.

Matt: Absolutely. You know it hit me because I knew of course you'd be joining us today Kymberleigh, that I couldn't say off the top of my head, and at some point we will find a way to do this proper. This is really more of a discovery, but I believe that we lost our last moderator, Kathy Bush 10 years ago, this upcoming...

Dan: Yep.

Steven: Yeah, this summer.

Matt: Someone to keep in mind during all the craziness of the world in 2020.

Steven: That sounds about right, 10 years...because I remember, turning on the show that week. And the chimes did not play and Edwin came on cold.

Matt: Yeah.

Steven: And the fact that the chimes didn't play and Edwin came on instead of Kathy and knowing that Kathy has been off and on, because of her treatments. It's like I immediately knew and was like, "Oh, no..."

Matt: Yeah, exactly.

Steven: I knew, you know...But you know I had my interaction with email with Kathy as I do with Matt with sending questions and the like, and I share your loss because I found her to be such a delightful person.

Matt: Absolutely.

Jim: Absolutely.

Matt: I know that Kathy would laugh at me making the joke of the thing that I saw on the internet the other day, which was a shelf with books that were labeled with years: 2017 2018 2019 2020

volume 1.1 2020, volume 1.2 2020, and, you know, this is the way we're living, you know these days here so.

Steven: It's been one of those years.

Matt: Yes it has.

Dave: Matt, were you referring to your funk and wagnalls set?

Matt: Uh, yeah, something like that. Right. Well folks, guess what?

This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel you win a prize, if you don't stump the panel you win a prize. You could send us the questions in a number of ways, you can email us at atp@udmercy.edu, reach us on the web at udmercy.edu/atp, find us on Facebook or ask your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play, Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Just depends on how hardcore you want to get with regard to your privacy. Usually that's where Beth Oljar chimes in. Okay, "Hello professors!"

Professors: Hello!

Dave: Greetings!

Matt: "Round 2 to the current installment to this incredible continuing saga of a Detroit Mercy student now alumna, and her questions going up against a panel of some apparently educated

people at a University in Detroit. Since you recently got through the first round of my 20 questions semi-recently, prepare yourselves for another volley of 20 questions plus two more bonus. As with the last time, it's a hodgepodge of different things ranging from history, geography, culinary delights and the arts. So this time and hopefully I'm going to make it a little harder than before. Here's all the best to you. In this next part of my challenge respectfully, Natalie Bohay, Detroit Mercy alumni 2011, from Sterling Heights Michigan. Which restaurant chain was founded by a restaurantuer in 1993 who is neither Italian, nor Catholic?"

Dave: Huh?

Heather: Which restaurant?

Dan: Olive garden?

Dan: So it's Italian food, obviously you're talking about...Okay, Olive Garden? Caberas? What's another Italian chain?

Jim: Carabas?

Kimberly: I got an answer.

Matt: Go for it Kimberly.

Kimberly: Well, knowing what the pope is calling Italian, Papa John's?

Matt: No, that's a good guess but that is not it.

Jim: That is a good guess.

Dan: I'm insulted by that.

Dave: Oh c'mon Dan. You're were also round when you saw that one posting about best Italian food in Royal Oak too and listen to that one place on 13 and Woodward?

Dan: There's no good Italian food in Royal Oak!

Dave: I know!

Dan: Actually that's not true, but we won't go into it here.

Matt: How about a little clue, but just a little one. When people attended this restaurant it was exclusively family style. There were no single servings.

Dan: Oh, uh...

Jim: Buca Di Beppo!

Dan: Ah, yeah, that's it.

Matt: Buca Di Beppo, yes, Buca Di Beppo.

Dan: They are still around!

Matt: Absolutely.

Dave: Yeah there's one on Hall Road.

Dan: Novi?

Dave: No, Sterling Heights.

Matt: Yeah, that's right. So, its founder Phil Roberts opened the first one in 1993 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "True or False...French President Charles de Gaulle once had a daughter, who had Downs syndrome, with whom he was later buried next to."

Kimberly and Heather: True!

Jim: I'll guess true.

Matt: It's true. Ann De Gaulle lived with their family until their death from pneumonia at the age of 20 in 1948. Her father, who would entertain her with songs, dances, and pantomime said after her death. "Now she's like all the others." That's very touching.

Steven: That's nice.

Matt: "What 1986 song," ooh I've never heard this before!

Steven: Oh you're in my wheelhouse now.

Dave: Junior in college!

Matt: Here we go. Okay. What 1986 song was temporarily banned from the airwaves immediately after September, 11 2001?" I've not heard this before.

Heather: So it's a song from 1986 that was banned after 911?

Dave: Like flying on a jet plane or something like that?

Matt: That's a good guess but that's not it.

Dan: Yeah. I don't know.

Steven: I've heard this. I think it's a heavy metal song.

Matt: No, it's, I would call it classic pop. I would call it classic pop.

Dave: So I'm just trying to remember songs that were banned back in the 80s. Like Frankie Goes to Hollywood man?

Dan: But it was banned in 2000.

Matt: Right, so I would not be looking for the band being the key thing here except for after September 11th.

Jim: Huh.

Dan: Something about bombs?

Heather: Falling from the sky?

Matt: I think that it's good that you're not able to get this off the top of your head, it means you're not uhm....classically bigoted? So it's Bangles' "Walk like an Egyptian".

Everyone: Oh!

Matt: Which is just the craziest thing I've ever heard.

Jim: I've never heard that.

Dave: Yeah, I mean, Suzanna Hoffs also makes great videos too.

Matt: Yeah, that's true. That's true. And by the way, Clear Channel Clearly, according to the backup data here has in there, sort of records when it came back to airplay. That during that timeframe, "this song will not be played because of its questionable lyrics."

Heather: Oh that's a great trivia question.

Matt: Yeah, that's weird.

Dave: I gotta look up lyrics now I want to see what's so questionable about it. Okay.

Steven: Is it a telling statement that when you brought that up even though it's unrelated, all I could think of was the fact that the BBC refused to play the Sex Pistols God Save the Queen?

Dan: Well that's a little less surprising I guess.

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Jim: Yeah,

Heather: Align all the cops in a donut shop.

Matt: You can't say 'donut' on the air!

Announcer: You're listening to a special edition of Ask The Professor, in which each of the seven professors participating in this recording session were connecting to each other from different locations. Thanks to zoom video conferencing technology. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at atp@udmercy.edu Now, let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.

Matt: How about this one. "Paris, France is known for the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral, and of course the Louvre museum. But you can find this other odd sculpture there in Paris. What shape is the oddest sculpture in Paris, France?"

Dave: Oddest shape? I was thinking like the gherkin over in London, but...

Jim: It's a piece of sculpture you say?

Matt: It's a piece of sculpture, um, I know that I'm going to regret saying this but I'll say it anyway. It's a, part of the human body that is a very prominent public sculpture in Paris.

Kimberly: And

Dan: What is it, like an ear?

Dave: Like the statue of liberty?

Steven: Nose

Dave: Above or below the waist?

Matt: How about...Let's see I'm trying to think. I think I can give you a hint that's really really over the top.

Dan: Foot? Is it a foot?

Matt: Pay very close attention to my window.

Dave: A thumb, thumbs up?

Matt: It's a giant thump.

Jim: Huh.

Matt: Kind of odd, but there is a thumb.

Jim: In Budapest, right at one end of the Chain Bridge, there is the bust of Ronald Reagan coming up out of the ground with a hand waving...

Heather: Think you should make that your screen emoji, or whatever it's called.

Jim: I think not!

Matt: Ronald Reagan not your thing Jim?

Dave: I was waiting for Robocop to show up in Detroit. The joke is so old now, you know?

Matt: Right, that's right.

Dave: Not even funny anymore.

Matt: "In, 2005, this Ohio nun was shot dead in Brazil while reciting the Beatitudes in front of the people who gunned her down. Who was she?"

Dan: Ooh.

Jim: Hm.

Dave: Sister Targadus?

Dan: I remember the story

Matt: Local connection. Connections.

Jim: Was it a Sister of Mercy?

Matt: No, it says, this woman was an environmental activist. She was a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame Dana Moore, and stood up for the rights of impoverished workers in the Brazilian Amazon basin. I don't know if I've heard this one before. Yeah, Natalie's coming out swinging here, this is...

Heather: Very anxious.

Matt: I'm giving partial credit

Dave: For something right?

Jim: Sister Mary something.

Matt: That reminds me, there was an old Tom Sharp if you remember that comedian bit, where nuns had, you know, names that reflected the classes they taught?

Jim: Yes. Sister Mary Elephant?

Matt: Yeah.

Steven: So if you're going to go down that road, don't forget the Blues Brothers and the penguin.

Dan: Yeah.

Matt: Absolutely. No, this is sister Dorothy Stang. And the local connection is, does anybody remember Sister Nancy Marie of the Dominican sisters in Adrian Michigan? Bill Murray's sister.

Jim: Oh,

Matt: Was a good friend of our ex-president Sister Maureen Fay, and Sister Nancy Marie ended up making a one woman show about Sister Dorothy Stang. You can look this up. That's your local celebrity connection for the day.

Dan: So, Maureen Fay met Bill Murray.

Matt: At some point I'm guessing!

Dan: So, two degrees of separation! Great!

Heather: And the groundhog. Wait. Not a groundhog...

Dave: So you're thinking Groundhog Day Heather? Whistle pig day!

Jim: Whistle pig.

Matt: I've been reading into a lot of, you know, where I would have been getting ready for the new Ghostbusters movie if they're actually going to release it this summer. I just gotta say

that Ghostbusters is in my top three. How could it not be? You know what I mean like that was...

Dave: Back to the Future, Home Alone and Ghostbusters?

Matt: That covers all the bases for me.

Dan: Those are your top three?

Matt: No those aren't my top three but they're really close!

Steven: Caddyshack, I'll throw in Caddyshack for consideration.

Matt: Here we go.

Dave: Hey, the puppeteer for the gopher just passed away last week!

Matt: That's right.

Jim: Really?

Dave: Yes.

Jim: Let's do some math.

Dave: Dan?

Matt: "How much human skin do each of us shed per hour?"

KyMBERLEIGH: That's not a fair question for me to answer since I suffer from psoriasis.

Matt: Oh that is not a good one.

Kymerleigh: I try to remember what normal is since I don't know what abnormal is.

Dan: What, square it? What are they measuring that in? Volume?

Matt: It is particles of skin so.

Dan: How many particles?

Heather and Dan: Per hour?

Matt: Per hour and it says here that it adds up to one and a half pounds per human, per year.

Dan: I'll guess 25,000 particles. Is that per hour you said?

Matt: Per hour. So you're a little bit low Dan, I'll give you one more shot.

Jim: I say 50,000.

Matt: It's higher than that.

Jim: Really? 100,000?

Matt: It's 600,000 particles per hour. Yeah.

Dan: So, I wonder what percent that is of the overall particles.

Matt: Yeah, good question.

Dave: What if you're like Kareem Abdul Jabbar, then what?

Steven: You realize you've just depressed me realizing that if that's the norm, when I'm having flare ups I'm probably taking out at least 1,000,005 per hour!

Heather: You can get it to that average!

Dan: The question is where does all that go? So every hour I have 650,000?

Heather: Well your bedroom is usually...

Dan: Falling on the floor, falling on the bed?

Matt: Is it just a little while, Dan? Remember the major component of dust is human skin.

Steven: There are certain insects that actually thrive of skin flakes.

Jim: Yes, that's true.

Dave: Skin flake!

Jim: Mites do

Matt: Like a cereal commercial!

Dan: Now I'm gonna have to clean my whole house, top-to-bottom.

Matt: Oh yes. Next question. "Hayao Miyazaki, the world renowned Japanese animator, won an Oscar in 2001 for his film 'Spirited Away'. The 1980s, he released four of his films. Can you name two of the four films from the 80s?"

Heather: Professor Chow

Dave: Hold on, hold on. What's the one with...the delivery service one? Kiki's Delivery Service?

Matt: Oh yeah Kiki's Delivery Service! That's right.

Dave: There's something with an underground, like the rumblings with underlings or something like that. No? Hold on. Oh boy.

Matt: Was the one I believe it's the very, very large, like bus-size sort of cat creature is the main character?

Dave: Not Totoro or something like that...

Matt: Toro! My Neighbor Totoro! Yep.

Dave: Oh boy.

Matt: The other two are Nausica of the Valley of the Wind, and Castle in the Sky.

Dave: Castle in the Sky.... I still remember....I saw that at the Main in Royal Oak. There was hardly anyone there except...And

wouldn't you know, I was in line to get popcorn, and one of the nude models from CCS decided to show up, ask which movie I was going to go see. I said, "Gonna go see this one! Totally empty theater, my wife and I are there and where does she sit? Right next to me. Hi. I didn't plan for a double date with you guys. Ah!

Matt: Incredible. Okay. When was the clothing company Abercrombie and Fitch founded?

Heather: 82.

Matt: Quite a bit more.

Jim: 1885.

Matt: 1892, I'm giving it to you, Jim. (NS) seven years you're in pretty good shape. 1892 Ezra Fitch and David Abercrombie founded Abercrombie and Fitch on June 4 of that year in Manhattan. It's currently - I wonder if this is tongue in cheek or not - headquartered in New Albany, Ohio.

Jim: That's strange.

Matt: Number 10 here. "Jack Webb, who is Joe Friday in Dragnet, founded this television production company, which ran from 1951 until his death from a heart attack in 1982, what was it called?"

Dave and Steven: Mark 7.

Kimberly: The hand with the sledgehammer comes down and clangs into a....

Jim and Dan: Oh yeah!

Kymberleigh: I watch retro channels enough and I've seen that logo millions of times.

Dave: Kymberleigh, I heard somewhere that those are actually his hands!

Matt: Oh wow!

Kimberly: I couldn't confirm or deny that but I certainly remember it enough to flashed onto it immediately as Matt was reading that.

Dave: That clang and..

Matt: Yep.

Kimberly: The clang would be the seven and then they'd superimpose Mark unlimited above and below it.

Jim: Hmm.

Kimberly: Spelled out the word limited too. They didn't use the Ltd abbreviation.

Dan: Yeah.

Matt: Right, right. Actually I remember that, I used to catch a dragnet on Nick at night, you know. Depending on where in the world you live, this sweet ending to a nice meal even a fancy one is known by many names. Some people call it omelet surprise, omelet norvegienne, or omelet siberian! What dessert is being referred to?"

Heather: Baked Alaska?

Matt: Yeah! Baked Alaska! Makes sense? It's topped with meringue, sponge cake or Christmas pudding and ice cream. One variation popular in Hong Kong is called 'flame on the iceberg.' So.

Steven: Until it's outlawed

Matt: Frozen beam, yeah. "Mountain Dew was banned in Japan and the European Union, on the account that it contained high fructose corn syrup. True or false."

Dan: False. It isn't the sugar it's another chemical.

Jim: I think is the caffeine count.

Kimberly: Yeah I think it was something else, it wasn't syrup..

Dave: It had something to do with, like the brominated or the hydrogenated something, it was the brominated vegetable oil.

That's right. So we have time for one more question here before

we get to ATP favorites and this is pretty much the first time we've gone down this route. Natalie has supplied a picture of herself, standing next to a famous vocal instrumental music celebrity, and I'm going to put it up to my camera and you have to guess who she's standing next to.

Dave: Okay.

Kimberly: This question would have never worked before Zoom.

Matt: Yes. She says, "Your hint is the performer wrote and performed the 1997 song, "The mummers dance."

Dan: So I don't know which one I'm supposed to look at....

Matt: Natalie is the dark hair. And the celebrity has the red hair, which is very well known for.

Dave: The mummer's dance?

Matt: The mummers dance.

Kimberly: It's fuzzy on my screen but that kind of looks like Tori Amos to me.

Matt: It's a little Tori Amos but that's not who it is. That's a good guess though! What was that Dave?

Dave: Fiona Apple?

Matt: Nope.

Jim: She looks Irish.

Matt: Oh, absolutely. She was actually born in Manitoba, in 1957. Once involved in the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, and has her own label called Quinlan road.

Dave: Fellow Canadian too!

Matt: That's Loreena Mckennitt. If you've never heard her voice, you should go look it up right now it's pretty spectacular.

Absolutely. So we've reached the point on our show where we do the thing that we do. And going back to our last list from the Borough's family. We are asked to comment on what has been, or what is currently our favorite late night television show.

Kimberly: I don't watch any of the current late night shows, but I am addicted to my 1130 rerun of Perry Mason on me TV.

Matt: Love it. Good ol' Perry Mason.

Dave: Alright, I'll be selfish, Conan O'Brien.

Matt: Conan

Dave: Yep. Come on I had my two seconds of fame on his show!

Matt: That's right! Dave Chow and the Conan O'Brien connection I love it!

Dan: I don't stay up late enough to watch late night shows, but if I did, I would pick Colbert.

Matt: Okay.

Dave: Oh good call.

Matt: Heather, what about late night TV for you?

Heather: I would watch Colbert right now, but yeah I have very fond memories of Letterman.

Matt: Absolutely. I'm afraid that we reach the end of our time for today so I will ask all of our panelists to say goodbye. Kimberly

Kimberly: Arrivederci Roma!

Matt: Stephen!

Stephen: Bye all. stay safe!

Matt: Heather!

Heather: Bye!

Matt: Jim!

Jim: Sayonara

Matt: Dan!

Dan: Goodbye.

Matt: And Dave.

Dave: See ya!

Matt: Now these words...

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