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Matt: The University tower chimes, ringing 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. I see Professor James Balfour Tubbs has joined us!

Jim: Here he is! How are we doing Matt?

Matt: Pretty good! I texted somebody today, Jim, and they were like, you know, they gave me the whole 'new phone who dis', and I somehow I wasn't even trying to be funny I responded, 'It is I' and I didn't mean to like be you know obstinate with them. So, when you say, here I am, there it is! That's all I can say what's been going on, Jim?

Jim: Oh, oh too much, too much this week.

Matt: That's too bad. It's been a long week.

Jim: Yeah.

Matt Sorry to hear that. It always gets better with time, that's what we say. Professor Mara Livezey is here from chemistry and biochemistry.

Mara: Hello.

Matt: How are you?

Mara: I am fabulous. I am now into my third decade.

Matt: Oh that's right since we last saw you, you've come in to your 30s huh?

Mara: That's right. And then two days later I hurt my back so, that's life!

Matt: That's life! Was that part of the whole rearrangement of your lens.

Mara: It wasn't, that was actually part of the home improvement process that happened after resurfacing our deck in the back.

Matt: Yeah, so you can expect that back thing can be an issue basically for the rest of your life. Let's move on!

Mara: Not looking forward to it.

Matt: As my brother always says, cuz he's like always, lifting heavy stuff for whatever reason, but when I like get up out of a chair that's when everything goes haywire you know.

Mara: Exactly.

Matt: Professor Dave Chow is here with us...

Dave: Pleasure to be here.

Matt: From his art closet.

Dave: As always. It's all good, it's all nice, cozy, comfy and we didn't lose power here yet.

Matt: Not yet.

Dave: I know it's scary out there.

Matt: You see the DTE truck is like right down the street from you.

Dave: I know all too well. It beats the sewer trucks. So, because they turned off the water on me last week. Oh good.

Dan: Oh, did you not pay your bill?

Dave: No they were fixing this sewer pipe! I wish they'd give us a little bit of a warning before we go flush the toilet.

Matt: Oh my gosh, absolutely crazy. Professor Dan Maggio is here I'm marking sort of where you all are, knowing where in my mind's eye, where most of you are in the reflection from like how dark it is outside in some of your homes.

Dan: Yes.

Matt: It's a little bit rainy right now.

Dan: I'm seeing the same sky that you, your mother and Dave are seeing so. And actually probably Mara too.

Mara: It's not great up there.

Jason: I'm not too far either.

Matt: It's gonna be raining for the rest of the night is what I hear huh?

Dan: I've heard the same.

Matt: Professor Kendra Evans is here, also from Chem and Biochem.

Kendra: Hi!

Matt: What's shakin'?

Kendra: I was thinking about the rain, you know, I don't think it's rained here in like three weeks, I mean like not in draw. And so today, the people came to work on our chimney. And like several places around our house and everything is like all moved out and there's scaffolding everywhere. Well, it rained, and so they had to stop right in the middle. And, it's of course Friday. So now its a longer time. And there's like holes in the front of our house with no breaks in them. So, anyway, just thought it was ironic, if we could use that word, that this would be the day that it finally rains.

Matt: Is this like a tuckpointing situation as they say?

Kendra: Yeah, I mean really the top of our chimney has to be completely re-done and then I guess they used to install chimneys completely incorrectly in 1985 in my neighborhood, because everybody's chimney to me has to be done. So they're putting like some limestone something on the top. Make sure it's better, I don't know.

Dave: As long as Santa Claus gets down there fine that's all.

Kendra: Right you have to have a good, a good pathway right you don't want bricks crumbling off and blocking the passage.

Matt: Right. Professor Jason Roche is here with us today from Communication Studies.

Jason: Happy to be here. Can you guys hear me, or am I muted still?

Matt: You're good. Think we picked up on little Jeremiah in the background there too. What's going on, Jason?

Jason: Rock-em-sock-em robots, blowing things up with Legos, that kind of thing. What about you guys?

Matt: The world of pandemic, what can I say...

Jason: Exactly. And Amazon.

Matt: Oh yeah, well, that goes without saying. Right? I love the marketing ploy and the recent commercials Jason where it's just basically kids freaking out when they see the logo on the side of the box. They know their place in society.

Jason: Based on real life.

Matt: I know it's an old joke but I can't help myself. Somebody said that their spouse was telling them to take the garbage out, and the other spouse said, "Don't worry about it! I've been filling Amazon boxes with it and leaving them on the porch and people have been stealing." Like oh that's a great line I love it, I love it. So we're being graced again by the lovely visit of my Mom de Mio! We're happy to have you here again Mom!

Momma Mio: Hello!

Matt: Thanks for coming on.

Momma Mio: You're welcome, disgusting anecdotes are available for a fee!

Jim: Sounds good.

Dave: Do you take PayPal?

Momma Mio: I do!

Dan: Think they might be having internet challenges, we lost Heather and Stephen. Yeah, no internet at Heather and Stevens, so that's the end of that so I will try again. So folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways, you can email us at [atp@udmercy.edu](mailto:atp@udmercy.edu), reach us on the web at [udmercy.edu/atp](http://udmercy.edu/atp) find us on Facebook or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. When last we left our heroes, we had this wonderful set of questions from Julie Elder of Poughkeepsie, New York, so we'll continue with those five items, and you need to find what their commonality is. And we'll see what we can do with this. "Cinnamon Queen, cream leg bar, Sicilian Buttercup, Iowa blue, scots dumpy."

Dan: Ice cream flavors. Or not even close.

Matt: Not Ice Cream Flavors no!

Momma Mio: Roses?

Matt: You know, they're not plants, but they are biological variety.

Dan: Are they bugs?

Matt: Say that were more time Beth?

Beth: Potatoes?

Matt: No, that's a good guess that you're you're getting, you're getting closer, but they're not plants, they're not planets.

Dan: Not plants... Could they be, are they the animals, do they have four feet?

Matt: They are animals but they don't have four feet.

Dan: They are chickens.

Matt: They are chickens! Sorry. Scott's dumpy is like a character who's really down on his luck. Actually Cinnamon Queen that sounds like a really good band name too I'm gonna write that down. Whenever I put my big band together. Okay, this is one from the history books. "Silver charm, Nyquist, Super Saver, Dust Commander, Count turf."

Jim: Lone wars.

Dave: There were horses weren't they?

Dan: Horses that won the Kentucky Derby.

Matt: They are horses that won the Kentucky Derby but I feel like Jim got it.

Dan: The Nyquist is it Nyquist? That sounds familiar.

Matt: Yep.

Dave: Because they're named after the Red Wing player.

Dan: Oh, really. Was he always owned by the Red Wings?

Dave: No, I think it was somebody in Windsor!

Matt: Let's try this one on for size. "Ballast, Leibish, Fighting, Walpole, and of course, Bois Blanc."

Jim: Island.

Matt: Yeah, they are. They are islands where Jim?

Jim: From the Detroit River?

Matt: Yeah, in the Detroit River.

Beth: Oh, my goodness.

Matt: Doesn't everybody know Neibish Island?

Dave: Jim's got property there, he's got the coastline.

Jim: Flag.

Matt: Well it could be worse Jim! You could have some property on like Carson's Island and it could all be like sinking below lakes.

Jim: Yes.

Matt: I feel badly our Assistant Dean in engineering and science, Liz Roberts Kirchoff, actually has slash, had, a cabin, where every year for the last 10 years they've been watching the lake approach the front of the house.



Kendra: How many weekends has she spent like oh we're just putting your bags down. So much effort.

Matt: A recent meeting and I'm not joking because she has this sort of very - I mean it in the best way -stereotypical firefighter husband, they have filled over 3000 bags of sand, to block the water from coming onto their property.

Jim: Wow.

Matt: Amazing.

Dan: Do they still have it, or did they sell the house?

Matt: You know, they still do but it's interesting in the window that we've known the Great Lakes and we can remember like people you're in my age Dan X number of years ago, we were scared, "Oh, the lakes are going to evaporate," and now they're higher than they've ever been in modern history. It's amazing. Okay. Jim got islands of the Great Lakes here let's try this one. "Jennings, Masterson, Clancy, Ross, and the giveaway, Gazena."

Dave: Any killed trophies.(NS)

Matt: No you're right it's, I was hoping that I would get a rise out of it Professor Chao. There's a trophies in the National Hockey League. Now, come on Dave follow through for us our Canadian rigor, do you know what each trophy is awarded for?

Dave: Okay well what were they again?

Matt: Dennings.

Dave: Goals against average buy a pair of goalies.

Matt: Masterson.

Dave: Um, it's an achievement award, you know, like overcoming something god awful, terrible.

Matt: Clancy!

Dave: That's a King Clancy ohh....That one I'm not sure, that one's been....I think its a division one I can't remember. That one I can't.

Matt: How about Ross.

Dave: Ross was for scoring for one point.

Matt: And of course Rezenoff right?

Dave: Goal, it's top goal.

Matt: Top go goalie of the year. That's right. We used to talk about these trophies a lot in Metro Detroit but not so much.

Dave: Other sports!

Matt: Not so much. Okay, let's try this. Someone actually answered the correct answer for this one on a previous thing we did on the show so this should be interesting. "Brewed to matter, American Dream, Glamp Fire trail mix.

Mara: Ben and Jerry's.

Matt: Urban Bourbon yep Mara hit it, it's Ben and Jerry's flavors.

Mara: Very tasty.

Dave: What was that last one Matt?

Matt: Urban bourbon.

Jim: Sounds good.

Matt: Actually I don't know if I've ever heard Glamp fire trail mix but that's great, that's fantastic.

Mara: I love that.

Matt: They continue to innovate, you know, didn't they sell the company or something? And they're still making good flavors!

Dave: Are they still on the board or something like that?

Matt: Well, they were the first I would say, What am I thinking here...company-based institution that spoke out after the George Floyd incident with regard to, "This is the way we do business, and if you don't like it never purchase our product, and we don't like you." I mean it was a very strong statement, those two guys have a very high, you know, social more to their company and they put it on every product, which is pretty fascinating, you know. This is not a joke. It was a free to document, Ben and Jerry's ice cream published. Very soon after, check it out online that's amazing. Let's try another set of five here. "False, Maria, Robbie, Spirit, Astroboy, Uni-blab.

Dan: Those...Are they animated characters? No, are they from video games.

Dave: Uni-boy was from that place with space rockets. Robot. What were the other ones.

Matt: False Maria, Robbie, Spirit. Astroboy and Uni-Blab, and basically you got it, they're all robots. Does anybody, for bonus points, remember the sibling robot? Because we're talking about NASA here, or spirit?

Dave: Opportunity?

Matt: Opportunity was the name of the robot.

Dave: What was Maria from?

Matt: Yeah, that's a good one I don't know it's a great name, it's a great band name. Hold on, I'm gonna write that one down.

Dave: Metropolis. She was the robot in Metropolis.

Matt: He was the archetype for what became see C-3PO, basically Star Wars. Okay, here's another one little more geographic. "Ecuador, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, the Maldives."

Dan: Equator?

Matt: All of these countries line on their equator. For bonus on this one there are - going to be careful here - there are eight other countries that are bisected by the equator. Can you name two of them.

Dan: Somebody say Vietnam.

Matt: Not Vietnam.

Dan: Are we very close with Vietnam? Indonesia?

Matt: Indonesia is on the list, yes! And again, I'll repeat the ones you already know, Ecuador, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, the Maldives.

Dave: Venezuela?

Matt: Venezuela is not on the list.

Dan: What about India?

Beth: Brazil?

Matt: Brazil is on the list! Yes. The others are Colombia, Sao Tome and Principe, Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Cuba. Today's geography lesson! There's nothing wrong with geography right?!

Announcer: You're listening to a special edition of Ask The Professor, in which each of the nine 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](mailto:atp@udmercy.edu). Now, let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.

Matt: We had this wonderful set of questions from Julie Elder of Poughkeepsie, New York, so we'll continue with those five items, and you need to find what their commonality is. This is going to be tricky. "Clement the 11th, Innocent the 13th, Clement the 12th, Benedict the 14th, and Pious the 6th!"

Dan: They're popes. Popes who are married.

Mara: Saints?

Matt: They're all Pope's but they're from a very specific timetable.

Jim: 16th century. 15th century.

Matt: It says 18th here, Jim. but you know the fact that you are able to pull that off the top of your head. I'm giving your partial credit.

Dave: I was gonna say they all baptized Jim when he was a child.

Dan: Wasn't there a Pope that was married?

Matt: There were several.

Dan: There were several?

Matt: I can appreciate, Dan you attempting to make that joke at the very, very beginning because it's probably a smaller number and maybe five was it, right? Okay, we're getting another biological varieties one. "Japanese Sweet, Rose Pin Apple, Russian banana, Austrian Crescent, Purple Majesty.

Momma Mio: Kind of those roses?

Matt: They're not, even though you see the imagery there, mom, and it's not tea either.

Kendra: Cherry trees.

Matt: Good guess, Kendra, they're not cherry trees.

Dan: Tea? Is it edible?

Matt: Definitely edible, it's one of America's favorite things to eat!

Dan: Apples?

Mara: Potatoes.

Jason: Potatoes.

Matt: Yeah I have to get to Beth from a few minutes ago and Mara now.

Dan: Oh really, where can you get those potatoes?

Jim: Russian Banana potatoes?

Dan: Sounds like a mixed drink.

Matt: Idaho potatoes, Russian banana potatoes! Those are the potatoes that try to stay in power until 2036.

Jim: Yeah.

Matt: Okay, let's try another one here. "Dr. Aesop, Doctor Death, Doctor double X, Dr. Moon, and" -holy smokes, speaking of bad names - "Gustaf do Cobra."

Jason: Bad guys in comic books?

Matt: You are really really close, you got to tell me what comic book.

Jason: One particular one?

Matt: It is a pantheon of lesser known villains, of a relatively famous superhero.

Dave: Batman, Superman?

Matt: These are the villains of Batman, lesser known villains of Batman. Come on Gustaf do Cobra?! Dr. Moon??! You didn't even try very hard!

Dave: I thought they were gonna be like wrestling names or something!

Dave: That was what my guess was gonna be!

Matt: I can't help myself with the simplicity of it is childlike and in for a you know a good reason. There was some event, a few years ago where my youngest...So he would have been five or six at the time, was making his own magic wand. Harry Potter. Okay so decorating it? And what was the first thing that he did? We love him so much, little Emit. He, and I quote, "cast a die spell on his brother!"

\*laughter\*

Jim: Wow!

Matt: You know, it's out of, you know, pure love I'm sure.

Dave: Ok now Matt, out of that list. I want to know like, how are these villains come up with the doctorate? Did they get PhD in evil or something like that? I mean.

Matt: Evil medical school!



Matt: Of course! Okay, let's try this one we only have one more left here we got to make it count, we've done really well with these questions though at least by my grading standards. "Betty Jane Phillips. Martha Vickers. Elaine de Bri. Carolyn Hockett. Ava Gardner."

Dave: Ava Gardner?

Jim: Was a movie star.

Kendra: Idaho?

Matt: Nope, good guess.

Jim: North Carolina? Ava Gardner was.

Matt: That's true. These ladies have something else in common.

Beth: Is that their original names?

Matt: It may or may not be.

Jim: Are they all stage names?

Matt: No, it doesn't have something to do with their names but I don't know if they did have other names.

Dan: Does it have to do with education? No?

Kendra: Did they all play the same person in a different time?

Matt: That's a really, really good answer.

Dan: Oh that's a good one.

Matt: But no, they played the same person in real life, if you catch my drift.

Jim: Oh they were all married to the same person.

Kendra: They're all married to the same person!

Jim: Cary Grant?

Matt: I believe that there was a...

Beth: Oh it was a Mickey Rooney!

Matt: They're all Mickey Rooney's wives that's right!

Dan: Just those five or five more too? Wasn't he married like twelve times?

Momma Mio: One was twice I think!

Matt: Yeah, that's right. I think that it's funny because why do I know anything at all ever about Mickey Rooney, because they made fun of it on The Simpsons where he introduces himself as America's greatest box office draw from 1936 to 1939! That's what I know about Mickey Rooney.

Dave: Mickey Rooney and Liz Taylor I'm sure they kept divorce attorneys happy so!

Matt: Gosh, absolutely hilarious yeah you guys you know Dave, if you're writing this down on the little show sheet, we we destroyed that set of questions too and there was some funky, there was some Scott's dumpy stuff going on in those sets of questions. That was pretty incredible.

Matt: Looking at our timetable here, I want to give us a nice wide birth for this next version of Ask The Professor favorites because it's a cool one. And Frank Burrows and his family for those who don't know supplied us with a nearly infinite list are our favorite questions, going into the future. And this time, it's very interesting. What's your favorite scenic drive?

Jim: Flourish Parkway for me.

Matt: Oh, very nice, very nice. If I hadn't seen it myself, Jim. Yeah, it's beautiful. Absolutely beautiful.

Momma Mio: I went to Maine once, and we went up the coastline of Maine, and I don't think I've ever seen anything so beautiful as driving there.

Dave: Did you make it to Campbell Belle Island, New Brunswick?

Momma Mio: No.

Matt: Canada?

Momma Mio: No, I didn't. We did not go to Canada.

Matt: You were you were there in a pretty extreme fall too, if I remember correctly.

Momma Mio: Yeah they weren't predicting snow that night, and I believe, before we left, we heard about Joseph being born.

Matt: That's right, my oldest.

Momma Mio: That's right. So, one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen was Maine in the fall.

Kendra: I have a special spot in my heart for just like the roads, by my parents' house in Kentucky. Any of those roads. They have a lot of like you know, big long green spaces so not just all trees which I love trees, but they have some trees and then they just have some green and then like those big rolls of hay. I love that.

Matt: Kendra this is near Bowling Green right?

Kendra: Right, so South Central Kentucky.

Momma Mio: Lovely.

Matt: My answer to the question is actually relatively new in my life because I'm in vacation with my in laws in extreme Northwestern Michigan for the last few decades and there is a stretch of road called M-119 It's nicknamed the tunnel of trees. And it's just about one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen.

Dan: I drove through there a couple months ago, years ago. From Harbor springs and Petoskey, and then up to Mackinaw City. Yeah, we went through there. Mine would be M-22, I'm not well traveled on the road around the country but I would say M-22 a soft spot for me. I mean I've traveled a lot in Ohio, but there's nothing in Ohio. Sorry, Ohio!

Matt: Hey, Beth what's your answer to this question? What do we know about the Pacific Northwest? ...

Dave: Oh we got the time delay.

Matt: That's all right.

Jason: I can jump in here. I've got a couple, I'm from Finger Lakes region in upstate New York.

Dan: Yeah.

Jason: Around any of the lakes my favorite is probably Kayuga or Seneca Lake. Driving around those you get amazing lake views and hills, and if it's summer, it's beautiful. If it's fall it's beautiful. A couple times actually I drove through Illinois to Iowa to go to the field of dreams, baseball museum in Dyersville, Iowa. And taking U.S route 20 from Central Illinois all the way to the Iowa border at the Mississippi River is just spectacular. It's Hill after Hill. Farmland, I drove it one night and it was like the sun was setting and there's this golden glow on just about everything for like an hour, it was just spectacular. Some really great places to drive.

Dave: I'm torn I've got two choices for mine, I'm still not sure which one, the one between Banff and Lake Louise in Canada, or Big Sur.

Matt: Big Sur.

Jim: Beautiful.

Dave: I'm torn between those two, but they're both gorgeous and just nice easy, cozy drive, different kinds of scenery but you

know once with ocean, wonderful just majestic mountains, so I'm torn, one of the two.

Matt: Absolutely. Beth, can you hear us?

Dave: Uh oh. Beth's looking catatonic.

Matt: We might have uh...

Dave: Oh, there she is.

Matt: Hey Beth what's your favorite drive from up in the Pacific Northwest?

Jason: Just go with highway one on one Beth, you can't go wrong. The Oregon coast, it's spectacular I've already answered.

Jim: It is.

Matt: I'm afraid that this is all the time that we have for today so the time has come to... When technology fails, Professor Chao will fill in the gaps. Yeah, we're having some internet issues today, but then we'll blame it on the weather and of course be back all the better for the next time. I'm afraid though we've reached the end of our time together so I'll ask each of our panelists to say goodbye. Jim.

Jim: Goodbye.

Matt: Mara.

Mara: See ya!

Matt: Dave!

Dave: See ya!

Matt: Dan.

Dan: Bye Matt.

Matt: Kendra.

Kendra: Bye!

Matt: Jason!

Jason: Later!

Matt: And we'll catch up with you later Beth! Mom!

Momma Mio: Bye!

Matt: And now these words...

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