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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, because everybody's screen looks different. We're going by what I got. It's Professor Dave Chow.

Dave: Pleasure to be here, as always.

Matt: We roll with the punches around here, we roll with the punches.

Dave: We do, we do that well.

Matt: We are going to have a little bit of a remembrance. On today's show for the 10 year anniversary of the passing of our friend and mentor Kathy Bush, and Dave, did you have anything you could add in the opening ceremony here Dave, that would remember her to our listeners?

Dave: Well, um oh she's just like super warm, friendly. She was the one that pulled me off the bench from devoted fan to panelist.

Matt: Right.

Dan: And I still remember the first time I got asked on the show I came home I told my wife, "Honey, I think I just came back way to clean up for the Major Leagues!" That's all. It's always been one of my highest honors.

Matt: When she would introduce your questions Dave, she referred to, I believe as 'Puppy Chow', was one of the things for you?

Dave: Among other things, yes. Wasn't I the heir apparent to Bert Tilly?

Matt: Yes! Absolutely! Longtime question sender Bert Tilly and then it was Dave, and now we've got a number of people who could take that mantle.

Dave: That's not a bad thing.

Matt: Continuing around the robin here, I've got Professor Mara Livsey from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. How are you doing, Laura.

Mara: Hi, I'm doing just great.

Matt: So, Mara when Kathy was hosting the show, she would pronounce all the letters based on since you and I basically grew up in the same metro area basically, using like the Canadian Sesame Street. So there was no 'Z' there was Zed. There was H, which I just love to this day. Did you ever watch the Canadian Sesame Street Mara?

Mara: You know, I probably should have going up because all we watched was TBO as kids. We've never had cable and we were never a Sesame Street family, so that's why it turned out so poorly.

Matt: Oh my. I don't know about that. I think it turned out just fine. The real question is, are you an American Ninja Warrior family? That's the real question.

Mara: No.

laughter

Matt: Heather Hill is here from English. How's it going, Heather?

Heather: Good, how are you?

Matt: Excellent. Can you favor us with an anecdote about Kathy?

Heather: I was trying to pick. Always on the big desk she had items in this box. (NS)

Beth: Yes she did.

Heather: Yeah. But you know like Beth, I sat in that office too and I was associating (NS) a little while. Tough act to follow.

Matt: Absolutely.

Heather: And I still covered that desk.

Beth: It is a great desk! Wonderful.

Matt: We're not supposed to cover that stuff Heather!

Heather: No, I know, and it's St. Ignatius!

Beth: What would St. Ignatius do?

Matt: Well when his leg was broken it would have been tough to lift the bed, very complicated.

Beth: He probably did want his leg broken, think about that! (N

Matt: Professor Dan Maggio is here from the First Organization!
How are you doing Dan?

Dan: Hi Matt good, Happy Friday!

Matt: Happy Friday.

Dan: Absolutely.

Matt: Thanks for agreeing to meet at a slightly different time.

Dan: Sure!

Matt: You tell us about Kathy.

Dan: Well, I mean her sense of humor everybody would know. I would never verbally spar with her, even if you tried to pay me. What did she used to call the kneeler next to her desk? She had that little genuflect kneeler?

Matt: Yes, she did.

Heather: Yeah.

Dan: But it was like, I can't remember. She had a funny nickname for it, but she had the magnus on her filing cabinet. For Cathy, for me, she was the person I'd always go to when I

needed a reminder of, reality reminder, just like a touchstone. I don't think I ever got a replacement for that so I miss that, probably the most. So I mean there are lots of things that I miss but if anybody can remember the name of the game (NS). I was thinking about before the show.

Beth: I can't remember what she called it.

Dan: If I found out, I will get you the answer by the time we're done.

Matt: It had a name. As far as my memory goes. Professor Stephen Manning is here with us today from political science/ department of retired.

Stephen: Yes, thank you. RET. Speaking of Kathy Bush I forgot all about the vitamin C things, but I can remember numerous times going in there. She pushed the little pole over, and she'd say, 'it looks like you could use a vitamin C,' tab, pill or whatever you called it! And she was usually right. I took one and felt better immediately.

Matt: Beth Oljar is here from the Department of Philosophy. How are you doing, Professor Oljar?

Beth: Fine, just fine.

Matt: Excellent. What can you tell us about Kathy?

Beth: Ah, well I can certainly reiterate, reaffirm what Dan said. I can't remember the number of times I came in around 830 in the morning and Kathy would say, "Do you have time for a

smoke on the porch?" We would do that and we decided to form our own religious order when we realized that things got done at the University easier if you had initials after your name. So, we created the order of Helical Chicks, HCC. We would always sign emails that way. And the vitamin C drops and her bringing the tea in class when I was really sick and couldn't you know. Basically laryngitis and couldn't really lecture and was forcing myself to do it anyway. She would bring me tea in class.

Matt: You know we're very lucky to have our special guest panelists with us here today too it's our academic Vice President and Provost, Professor Pam Zarkowski. Thanks for joining us, Pam.

Pam: I am so honored. Because it is the feast of St. Ignatius, but I'm not sure if I'm really just a sub for Jim Tubbs so maybe -

Everyone: Nooooo....

Pam: No??

Dave: You wouldn't wanna be.

Matt: It's fine Pam.

Pam: I do want to say, I interacted a bit. You interacted far differently with Kathy, but I know she did a lot of work for project when I heard some great stories I've heard from alumni about her, and some other things that she did. As well as I know when she passed away, I don't know, I think you may know this. The athletes had a patch of their uniform, and that just said a lot to me about her, and so forth. Those were some

great memories. I never got a vitamin C pill! I feel like maybe that'll help me right now where I am today. That would be good.

Matt: You know, I reached out to some of our reach-utable previous panelists and I got a nice little paragraph here from Professor Greg Grabowski who used to be on our show quite regularly from our Department of Biology. And he said, the things that he remembers the most are, her voicemail was, "I'm happy to hear from you but I'm not available. I'll get back to you as soon as possible and then we can start to solve some problems."

Beth: Let's solve some problems. Yep

Matt: He said, whenever he walked into her office, she would say something to the effect of, "What did my children do now?" The thing he remembers the most was her Mary Poppins-esque bag with everything you could think of inside of it including, super glue, where I caught her attempting to fix a student's fake fingernail. Absolutely incredible. All I can add to everything that we've heard is that almost every time I walked into her office, I was coming to grab whatever wonderful treat she used to bring to Ask the Professor. And I would say, "Kathy, how's it going?" Just trying to be polite and she would respond, "I'm a babysitter for PhDs." Every single time!

Beth: That's a pretty good description of the job of the Associate Dean actually. what do you think Heather?

Matt: There we go. There we go, the inner workings of the university laid bare.

Dan: Actually she probably said that the most often at the end of the first term in the summer, probably made to chase faculty for grades(NS). That's when she would make a comment, like, 'what am I, what am I doing?'

Matt: Yeah we miss her very very dearly. We continued the show definitely in her honor, because everybody knows this is a program where 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. You can reach us on the web at udmercy.edu/atp, find us on Facebook, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by saying, play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. We have got a set of questions sent to us. "Hello again professors. Well, here you are at round three of my incredible continuing saga of a former Detroit Mercy student, and you a team of educators from her alma mater. This time, I bet this next set of 20 questions will be slightly a bit more challenging the last time. I can tell you it's not going to be completely pleasant."

Dave: Uh Oh.

Matt: "Anyway, all of the best on this one as you face this trial of mental brawn. Amence my questions and me, best regards Natalie Bohay, Detroit Mercy Alumna, May 2011, from Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Pam: I know Natalie.

Matt: You know Natalie? Excellent. Let's see what she's got cooking for us. A. A. Milne was known for 'Winnie the Pooh' books, and the poems 'Halfway down the stairs' and 'James James Morrison Morrison'. But not many others know that he played cricket on teams that included three other contemporary very famous authors. Who were they?"

Dave: Arthur Conan Doyle?

Matt: Conan Doyle was there. Sorry, Heather?

Heather: Uh, CS Lewis?

Matt: Not Lewis, although that's something I would've guessed. I'm getting a Peter Pan vibe here, a

Beth: Berry? J. M. Berry?

Matt: I'm getting a Jeeves vibe.

Heather: Oh...Woadhouse?

Matt: P.G. Woadhouse. That's right. Apparently they were all on the same team. Very well done.

Dave: Yeah, Arthur Conan Doyle was the coach or manager or something like that wasn't he?

Matt: Really?

Dave: Yes.

Matt: Everything I know about cricket I've learned from listening to Professor Venugopal complain about how dumb baseball is.

Dave: That's Prasad for ya.

Beth: And cricket is a lot.

Matt: No doubt. All I know is that was a wicked googly. "What were the teddy bear-like creatures that assisted Banjo and Kazooie throughout their adventures in Banjo Kazooie?"

Dan: Wow.

Dave: What the heck is a Banjooz Ka, whaaa???

Pam: Repeat the question, maybe that'll help.

Dan: Is this Star Wars related?

Heather: No, I'm just...

Dan: Well I thought it was when you said the first half of the question.

Matt: Heather dragged it into the world of the rookies and then we got to Star Wars vibe. But you know, this would have fit right in with the questions we did last time when it was my son, Lorenzo, who wrote the video game questions. So Banjo Kazooie is a bear bird combo that lives in this world where they perform in this video game, and they want to know what the name of the teddy bear-like creatures that assisted Banjo and Kazooie on their adventures are called. Man this is a...

Dan: Call your son for help?

Matt: Yeah I know. Actually you know it's too bad that he isn't around the corner...

Dave: Can we phone a child?

laughter

Matt: This is not a joke. I actually think he's upstairs playing video games. They were called Ginjoe's for whatever reason, and I'm going to try to read ahead on the questions a little bit more from now on.

Heather: Yeah, that was on the tip of my tongue.

Matt: "Alfred Catalini's 1892 opera 'Le Wally' tells the story of a woman who loves her father's former enemy, rather than marry the suitor her father insists she should. However, this opera is never performed in public in modern times. Why is that?"

Beth: Because Romeo and Juliet has been done? I mean....

Matt: I'm giving partial credit for that one big time.

Beth: That story's been done?

Dan: Is it a trademark issue?

Matt: No, not another trademark issue.

Heather: Is it a profanity issue?

Dan: Are they naked when they perform?

Matt: No!

Pam: Are there no words? There's no words.

Matt: There are words. Listen to that plot again. A woman who loves her father's former enemy, rather than marrying the suitor her father insists. What do you think she might do near the end?

Dan: Kill herself.

Matt: Yes, it involves a suicide from Alpine heights, and it's very difficult to stage so I'm getting you credit.

Mara: Oh!

Dave: Okay!

Matt: She flings herself off the edge of the cliff. "So the statue of Christ the Redeemer, the well known landmark in Rio de Janeiro. How tall is that masterpiece?"

Dave: Oh boy. We need Kendra.

Dan: 120 feet?

Matt: It's lower than that, but we'll see if someone else can give a guest Dan.

Heather: 89 ft.

Matt: It's 98. I'm giving it to you because you know sometimes the numbers just go like this...

Dave: Dyslexia!

Dan: Is you're dyslexia kickin' in there Heather?

Heather: Yeah.

Dan: Okay, well then you got it right!

Pam: She meant to say 98.

Dan: Yes.

Matt: For the record..

Heather: That must be what comes on while I'm on Zoom.

Matt: Oh ok. It says that, that is a perfect measurement from head to the bottom of the toes is 98 feet. Ooh, little side note here I'm interested to see whether people can fill this part in. "What is it made of?" I never would have guessed this whatever your last idea is, that's probably correct.

Mara: Cement.

Matt: Cement is a really good guess, but that's not it.

Beth: Plaster

Dan: Wood.

Matt: It's not plaster it's not wood. It is a stone but a special kind of...

Dave: Limestone.

Dan: Is it like a lava stone?

Matt: I don't remember my igneous speaking of Ignatius. Igneous versus sedimentary rocks but it looks like it's made of soapstone, which is just very soft stone.

Dave: That's carvable, yeah.

Matt: Okay here. Oh my. Oh, my. "The 1918 Spanish flu pandemic which lasted from 1918 to 1920 claim between" this is a wide error bar, -"17 to 50 million lives. Very difficult to tell. Two of its victims were two of the three children who saw the Virgin Mary at Fatima Portugal in 1917.

Beth: Well look how that worked out for them.

Pam: Well what, it isn't Bernadette because I think she's the one that survived. I'm telling you that!

Matt: It's always partial credit.

Pam: It was not Bernadette.

Heather: Her name is Mary.

Pam: Isabelle.

Mara: Genevieve.

Steven: Elizabeth.

Matt: Actually one of them has the same name as our current Pope!

Dave and Pam: Francis?

Matt: See that's that's 50% credit already. So it would be Francisco and Josinta marco. By the way, it looks like Josinta lived until 2005. That's pretty spectacular if you ask me.

Dan: Yeah, no kidding.

Matt: Yeah, that's a really big deal.

Pam: The other two were killed by Spanish flu?

Matt: Well, those were the two that were killed by the Spanish. Oh, the other two sorry. Yeah, my bad.

laughter

Matt: Wait a second!

Pam: The Spanish Flu lasted to 2005 apparently!

Matt: Yes it did!

Dan: Don't say that!

Beth: Matt, clarify for our listeners, so there were two that survived and two that didn't, and the two that survived saw the blessing mother, or not?

Matt: My bad, their cousin, oh my gosh this... Their cousin Lucea became a nun after the apparitions and actually lived to the age of 97 dying in 2005. That's my bad. That's my bad.

Steven: As long as none of this is on the final exam, I'm good.

Matt: Wow. Literally, thank God.

Dan: Yeah, so you can stop paying attention.

Matt: Okay. "The Reo is the name of the national currency for the Maldives. True or False?"

Pam: True.

Dave: Sure!

Mara: False!

Dave: False!

Heather: May I call (NS)?

Matt: That's a really good thing to do.

Dave: Need the photo banker.

Matt: Well, I can say without question, knowing my philosophy from having learned it so well from Beth that some of you are exactly correct. It's false. Their unit of currency is called the Rufiyaa.

Dave: A Rufiyaa?

Matt: A Rufiyaa.

Beth: Well, that's kind of unfortunate name.

Dave: Hey, it's like loonies and Ruifyass.

Matt: :There was a factory that closed in April 2011 in India. It was the last factory left on planet earth that made something. What was it?

Dave: Aglets.

Matt: Aglets still exist Dave.

Heather: VHS tape.

Matt: That is a really good gas but you're gonna need to go further back in human history.

Dan: Three and a half inch discs.

Pam: 8 millimeter.

Dan: How about...Oh go ahead.

Mara: Cassette tapes.

Matt: WAY further back.

Pam: What about things in the library? Fiche, microfiche?

Dan: Is it technology related?

Pam: Floppy disks!

Dan: Black and white TVs!

Matt: Think Industrial Revolution.

Pam: A cotton mill?

Matt: This is the last guess that I have and I'm it's like I'm trying to give something away to Mara but with all due respect, Professor Livsey I don't know if this is gonna help. We had one of these in the main office of the chemistry department when I was first hired at the university because it still had value.

Heather: Typewriter!?

Matt: Yeah, it was a typewriter. Absolutely.

Pam: They don't make typewriters anymore?! No, I don't think that's true.

Heather: Wait, manual or elective?

Matt: I believe it's made in (NS) but that's what it says here! Yep.

Pam: Fact checker, we need a fact checker.

Steven: Yknow what the company was Matt?

Matt: You know I'm trying to read it because I'm getting everything else wrong today. Let's see it was in Mumbai.

Pam: Royal India

Dave: Posahd worked there when he was a teenager.

Matt: It doesn't say. Well, goodbye to typewriters hello to word processors, what can I say."Which UK children's game show involves youngsters walking through fantasy virtual reality settings, while three of his or her friends guide him through it verbally?"

Dave: Graduation.

Mara: We're guessing a name of a show.

Matt: It's the name of the show. I can lead you there. I think relatively easily there is a word that starts with K that is very often in British history. And there's also a really bad dream you can have?

Steven: Nightmare?

Matt: Yeah, that's what it's called.

Mara: Nightmare...Ohhh...

Matt: According to this blurb here it was on until '94 and the host of the show was always dressed in a suit of armor.

Interesting. Okay. "Richard Rogers was best known for teaming up with Oscar Hammerstein the second to put to fruition some of our favorite musicals such as Oklahoma the King and I, Carousel, and of course, The Sound of Music. However, earlier in his musical theater career Rogers collaborated with Lawrence Hart on a musical based on Shakespeare's comedy of errors which in turn is loosely based on the play, Between Brothers by Floutist. What was it called?"

Dave: Heather? Help??

Matt: Heather is thinking, she's thinking!

Dan: This is where Jim would come in handy. Pam is subbing for Jim so they.

Dave: Oh yeah no pressure! No pressure!

Pam: The Parent Trap! It was about twins.

Matt: One of the most popular songs of the 1930s was 'Sing for your Supper' which actually I think I've heard before, but I'm afraid I've never heard of the name of the show. It's 'The Boys from Syracuse' was the name of the show, and we're just going to have to let the sleeping dogs lie. Let's do one more of these because we're getting close to the end of our recording here.

This one is geographical. "What former Soviet nation shares a border with both Georgia and Armenia?"

Steven: Azerbaijan?

Matt: Azerbaijan, yes. I can't help but notice it says it's bounded by the Caspian Sea to the east, and I was remembering one of those recent, I don't know if you all are familiar with it, 'Last Week Tonight with John Oliver,' where he always goes to the geography. He's like, "Here's Azerbaijan. No, it's not! I just made this lake the Caspian Sea become Azerbaijan because you don't know the map very well!" We laugh everytime! Pam thanks for joining us today! You know we've been doing on recent shows is that we were sent a list of over 70 favorites for the favorite game we've been doing at the end. And then we had a question writer send us a big list so we would never run out of things to ask for favor of (NS). Considering the lack of publication, at this point in human history, what was your favorite magazine?

Pam: You're asking me?

Matt: Everybody.

Beth: Magazine that is not published anymore?

Matt: It could be anything! Could be maybe you're a closet people person!

Dan: So I gotta say Mad, In Science, and probably now. Bone appetit. Any kind of cooking magazine is good.

Steven: I was thinking of Mad Magazine too, especially that...Dan you remember this the back you folded it?

Dan: Yeah,

Steven: Page, you'd page, you folded, you folded it. Alfred e Newman Right.

Dan: Yeah.

Dave: And the guy who used to do those, he actually did all those illustrations by hand. He just retired last year.

Pam: Yeah he did. Right. He did one last issue. Yep, some special issue,

Matt: Because they aren't printing anymore if I remember correctly.

Dave: No they still are, but they're doing reprints. They're not doing any more new content, which is a shame.

Beth: Fort something?

Dave: More Drucker. More Drucker was the one who always did all the movies.

Matt: I realize that I'm putting myself out there when I say that, even as a preteen, I actually really look forward to Consumer Reports. I'm not joking. I like data, there's nothing more I can say.

Beth: Why am I not surprised.

Steven: The house is filled with all the best of like everything. Cars, dishwasher, everything! You know you got the best of everything Matt!

Matt: It's interesting Steven, because they actually still print because they don't sell advertising so they're independently able to continue printing the magazine, as well as having online.

Beth: The New Yorker, I mean, some of us read the New Yorker. Pamela's referring to that piece that I just read last night too earlier.

Dave: Okay, I've got two. Wired Magazine and Rolling Stone.

Matt: Of course.

Dave: Rolling stone had some of the best illustrations in it, Wired was just, they were all over the place he covered you know really interesting topics, and you know I was just

Beth: You like Barrett Swisher? She does a lot of journalism regarding tech and I think she worked for Wired magazine for a while. She's been stuck on Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook for democracy.

Dave: That'd be interesting. Yeah, not familiar but I guess I'll look it up.

Matt: So Mara, are we really like showing off all of our gray hairs here or please tell me, even as a millennial, that you have a favorite magazine from your days before today.

Mara: Oh, I gotta be honest. Magazines really only existed for me as a child. So, if I talk about like how I read like pre teen magazines is probably not particularly interesting for anyone. But my brother got Popular Science. He always had Popular Science and so since he got it, I would always take his magazines and read those

Heather: Mia's magazine, when it first came out.

Beth: Oh yeah. And then, I was a different nerd than some of you. Reader's Digest.

Matt: I'm afraid that's all the time we have for today and the time has come for our panel to say goodbye. Dave.

Dave: See ya!

Matt: Heather.

Heather: Buh-bye!

Matt: Dan

Dan: Bye!

Matt: Steven!

Steven: See ya next time!

Matt: Beth!

Beth: Bye!

Matt: Mara.

Mara: See ya.

Matt: And Pam.

Pam: Thanks for the invite! Be safe.

Matt: And now these words...

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