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Matt: The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask The Professor, the show on which you match wits with 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! To my lower right, it's Professor Jim Tubbs. How are you doing?

Jim: I'm doing well, enjoying this pleasant weather!

Matt: Yes, I'm quite a fan of the fall kind of weather, and it has been a lot of that lately. Professor Dan Maggio is here with us. How's it going, Dan?

Dan: Good, actually, it's really good. Busy! Been so busy, it feels like it should be about November. From the amount of, like work that I have put in, but I'm enjoying the weather, that's for sure.

Matt: So what's the First Organization, gonna look like for fall?

Dan: Well, after a couple of months, I think we have a much clearer picture of the decisions and like the possible directions. And we're really focused on how to deliver remote events, because it would appear that almost all of our regions are in that boat. So we're working on tools and resources to deliver so that teams can compete virtually. So that is our big push right now and it's going well. We have good partner organizations that are working with us and being patient and supportive so it's good actually. Better than it was two months ago I can tell you that!

Matt: Well, onward and upward. It's been so many months now, it's hard to even keep track. Well, a man I know, who knows how to keep track, it's Professor Dave Chow.

Dave: Pleasure to be here. As always.

Matt: How's everything going Dave?

Dave: A little nutty. Not too many complaints. I've had more jobs cancel on me within the last two weeks that I care to talk about.

Matt: That's not good.

Dave: So it's like, I was just telling my wife the other day that I've actually written more quotes for work than invoices. So, that stinks.

Matt: Yeah, you probably want that to be the other way around.

Dave: Yeah, I wouldn't mind getting paid every like couple of weeks, at most a couple months.

Matt: Although I have seen you out-and-about as we approach non Dream Cruise next weekend.

Dave: No, no no. Not going out.

Matt: No you've been going out these last few weeks which makes it perfect!

Dave: That's about it. But right now, come dream cruise time? I'm not gonna be out there with the masses.

Matt: Yeah, it's gonna be kind of brutal considering all the formal events of the cruise have been canceled, including the people in blue keeping it safe. And without those people hired this year, it could be a rough week around Metro Detroit.

Dave: Actually, I wonder like, for those of us who live in the area yeah we're kind of used to it every year, but I just wonder about those people who like stop by from out of state thinking, "Well okay, so the cities aren't sponsoring no big deal. We'll still cruise!" But, hey guys, the businesses aren't going to be open for you, and the cities aren't going to be providing you porta-potties either.

Matt: That's right. That's right, very good point.

Dan: Excellent point. Oh, Dave.

Dave: Yes?

Dan: You know what? Why don't we rent some porta potties and go out and then we could pay to use.

Jim: Charge for them!

Dan: Yeah, I see profit in the future.

Jim: A genuine entrepreneur!

Matt: That gets a big thumbs up for me right,

Dan: What could possibly go wrong with that plan!?

Dave: We would have to pick them up! No!

Matt: We are being favored today by another guest panelist, which we've been really, really happy to have over the last few months. We're being joined today by Anita Klueg, who is our Director of University Ministry at Detroit Mercy! Thanks for joining us Anita!

Anita: Great to be here.

Matt: Excellent! Love the background, by the way. Could you, because I just saw the postcards from spring break, which was right before the pandemic. Could you describe what the mural is?

Anita: Yeah! Last year we were trying to do something interactive with our students and bring some beauty and brightness and color to our campus. And we were blessed with a local muralist who was able to create, after walking around campus and talking to students, a visual of all of our key pieces of art and and remembrances on canvas and put it into one mural. And then we spent about two weeks offering to students to paint, and to get some creative creativity in. It was just a fun event to bless our first year haul and bring people together. We have about 75 students. We don't get that very often for things like this.

Matt: If you haven't had a chance folks who can get access to it, I think there's a few images you can find online at udmercy.edu, and the postcard has the entire mural sort of laid out in the right perspective and it's, it's just beautiful. I immediately posted it in a nice little frame in the main office of the Chemistry department because it was so cool. So hey Anita, thanks for for joining us today. We're glad to have your expertise, and, of course, your smiling face joining us here today. Before I continue, though I want to make sure I introduce Professor Stephen Manning, from

the Department of Retired, who has joined us in the lower right corner of my screen.

Stephen: Good afternoon, Matt. Sorry I'm late. Why do I always look so dark? My house is not dark, it's very very bright and open and friendly and it's got like 45 windows, but I always look like I'm in a dungeon somewhere.

Jim: And mine looks too bright!

Stephen: I know you Matt are actually in the basement, I'm not!

Matt: I'm not of the basement! I'm an official anger/sunburn light on as you can see.

Dave: Hellboy!

Matt: You know, I'm 10 feet tall....Whatever.

Stephen: Nice to see you all!

Matt: Well folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize, you win a prize. You can 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 our ever-growing Facebook group, or listen to your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Before I continue with the set of questions that I had set up for today. I should probably mention that my middle son, Lorenzo is joining us today, but you know. He tortured us with his video game questions a few weeks ago.

Dan: Did he stump us? Does he get a mug?

Matt: There was at least one stump, but I don't know quite how to describe it.

offscreen: Give him the mug.

Matt: Someone was yelling, 'just send him the mug!'

Dave: Give him the coffee too!

Matt: Thanks a lot...All right, so when last the superfriends were together, I think you remember. We had a set of questions from Natalie Bohay, who's a Detroit mercy Alumna May of 2011. She

lives in the great city of Sterling Heights, and we had a handful more questions to complete her question set. I'm sure that seventh grader here Lorenzo is going to be more than willing to chime in, when he knows the answer. Let's see what we got here. Something biblical it looks like is on the horizon.

Dave: All you Jim!

Dan: Oh, we have two ringers now.

Matt: Okay. It says: "In the Old Testament, Ruth was the daughter in law to Naomi, but Ruth ended up marrying Boaz and the couple had a son. What was that son's name?"

Anita: Come on, Jim.

Jim: I don't remember!

Anita: Give me some morality questions! Biblical do not work, remember? I'm Catholic.

Dave: What could it be like Boaz junior?

Matt: You know there's actually a good hint here for those who actually pay attention during the Christmas Eve gospel where they go through the entire lineage.

Jim: Right, the genealogy of Jesus.

Stephen: That's full of begets.

Matt: Right, so this person was the father to Jesse, and therefore grandfather to King David.

Jim: Okay.

Steven: For some reason that doesn't help.

Matt: Well, every once in a while, we get stumped.

Anita: Yeah, where does that mug go?!

Stephen: Where is the Religious Studies professor.

Matt: Yeah. We don't have Todd Hibbard here with us today.

Jim: Right, Biblical trivia was not my long suit.

Matt: I bet it was the father to Jesse who was the father to Solomon and then we can continue all the way down to Joseph. Okay. Oh my. let's see if we can do this mathematically. Let's just play along here. If Kendra were here, she would just

guess numbers right? "Name the latitude and longitude coordinates for the capital of Botswana."

Stephen: What???

Jim: GOOD GRIEF!

Dan: So, latitude, maybe, 20 degrees south of the equator?

Matt: It's 25 South so I'm giving it to you.

Dan: Longitude, I'm going to guess 150 West.

Matt: No, it's 26 degrees East.

Dan: Yeah, but 26 degrees east is 154 degrees west, I might deserve some credit for that.

Jim: Yeah, you're only 25 or 27 off. Something like that.

Stephen: I'm not sure that gets a close enough.

Dan: 26 east of meridian? Okay. 150 around. I forget how they they mark longitudes. Nice, good question!

Matt: That was tough. I mean, you literally just thought of a globe and pulled that out of your butt.

Dan: I'm actually looking at a globe right now.

No, I'm not really.

Matt: Oh my gosh. Okay, let's try another one here. "What company takes its name from the Hebrew word meaning nature? It was founded by Mark Thatcher, in 1984."

Jim: Company...

Dave: Hebrew for nature!?

Matt: It says, "When Thatcher was working as a rafting guide in the early 80s, he noticed the lack of proper footwear to river-based activities. Sneakers were too heavy when wet and flip flops lead to make the wearer slip too much. So they added a nylon strap to traditional thong sandal and created...."

Stephen and Anita: Texas!

Matt: Yes they're Texas! I thought we'd have to do a double take, I thought I was reading the Trader Joe's tea brands. I'm glad that you got it.

Dave: Well, I didn't say Trader Ming's so I mean.

Matt: No comment.

Dave: Trader's Jose, or any of those other Trader ethnicities.

Matt: Trader sub genres, yes

Dan: By the way, I have to admit that I was wrong. 26 East.

If you're measuring from the same zero line is really 360 less 26 on the west, but I was measuring from the other side. So I guess I was half,

Jim: So you were just a hemisphere away!

Dan: No but from the general line, it's more than 154 plus another 180 to get back. But from the other side of the zero line, It says it's 154, right. Anyway, I just wanted to correct my error.

Jim: You were within a hemisphere!

Dan: I'm not sure about that.

Stephen: You're thinking 154 plus 26 would be 180, right?

Dan: Right. But it's really 360, not 180.

Stephen: Yeah you were 180 short.

Dan: Yeah.

Announcer: You're listening to a special edition of Ask The Professor, in which each of the six 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: We had a set of questions from Natalie Bohay. Here's a kind of semi twist. "Author Ernest Hemingway spent his boyhood summers at a college on Walloon Lake in Michigan. Where is that lake located?" I'll even give you a hint from my introduction at the first part. It's literally less than 10 miles from where I'm sitting right now.

Dave: Petoskey?

Matt: Close enough it's a combination of Charlevoix and Emmett counties, which is where my son Emmett, by the way, gets his name. So yes, sure. Okay. "In 2015, NASA spacecraft New Horizons became the first spacecraft or probe to do something. What was it?"

Lorenzo: It went to Pluto?

Matt: Yeah! Enzo got it right! It went to Pluto! The first thing that ever went to Pluto before.

Jim: The non planet. Demi-planet.

Matt: Or at least a nice place to visit

Jim: Nice place to visit!

Dave: But you wouldn't want to live there!

Matt: Right. Oh no, no, not at all. Not at all. Absolutely not.

Jim: Too dark.

Dave: But you can see Russia from there!

Matt: Oh absolutely, absolutely, you'd see the dunes in northern Michigan. How about this one? "On average, how many peanuts, make up one 12-ounce jar of peanut butter?"

Steven: 350

Jim: I'm gonna say a gross. 144,000.

Matt: So I can give you a little bit of help because I want Stephen to repeat what he guessed. It's in the hundreds.

Steven: I guessed 350.

Matt: 350? 350 is actually low.

Anita: 600 peanuts.

Matt: I'm giving this one to Anita, it's 540 individual peanuts, which are not nuts! They're not nuts, what are they?

Enzo: They are legumes.

Jim: Yes. They are legumes.

Matt: So it says the good rule of thumb is 45 peanuts per ounce. That's what it says here. I will repeat the fact, even though I'm sure that all of us are guilty of it. Another chance to convert this company dimetric has been squandered by the six

feet of social distancing instead of two meters. Thank you, fluid ounces. Okay, let's see. "What historic church was featured in the wedding scene to the 1979 film 'The Deer Hunter?'"

Dave: Saint...

Dan: St Peter's.

Dave: Paul?

Dan: I don't even remember the movie.

Anita: I was four years old! I claim childhood.

Jim: Is it locally famous or nationally famous?

Matt: No it's internationally famous it looks like.

Jim: Oh, internationally famous.

Matt: Let's see here I'm trying to read as fast as I can.

Dan: I'm assuming it's in the States.

Matt: It was consecrated in 1913. You can see the sea green domes, of the century-old - oh, I'm sorry. Just nationally famous Cleveland church, from the expressway. So it's in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jim: Well I'm sorry I'm not up on Cleveland churches.

Matt: No, we'll let it slide. It says St. Theodosius.

Dave: We were just gonna go there.

Matt: Dave said Saint, and I'm giving partial credit.

laughter

Matt: Thanks for those questions, Natalie, we had a lot of fun with them. And she is very very good at giving us sets of questions and she gives us a little background so it's kind of fun.

Jim: Yeah, and those, those are guaranteed to stump the professors for sure.

Matt: It's such a thrill when you find somebody who's a real big cinema file and likes movies like 'The Deer Hunter' and stuff like that so.

Jim: It's one of those movies that I can't watch again.

Matt: Yeah, exactly.

Dave: Once is enough.

Matt: "The following 10 questions are general knowledge, but there's a key word in each question that I've underlined for the host benefit. And I'll leave it to him whether or not to emphasize the special clue or not. The key word each question is a clue to the ultimate final question. What cable TV series has those words in common? Seven out of 10 is passing and I won't even count the final bonus!" says Kara Kovalchik of Rochester Hills, Michigan. So I'll tell you what, let's do the mega-clue thing at the end so you don't have to write anything down. "What TV sitcom featured a trio of characters who are always introduced as, 'Hi, I'm Larry, this is my brother Daryl and my other brother Daryll!'"

Dan: It's that Newhart show...

Jim: Bob Newhart Show. Yep.

Matt: Yep, absolutely. "Actress Tammy Grimes, won a Tony Award for her role as American socialite and philanthropist, Molly Tobin in what Broadway musical?" Looking in your direction, Jim.

Jim: Tammy Grimes...hm...Well actually that would've been in the 50s or early 60s I guess.

Dan: Didn't that have to do with overboard on a ship or something like that?

Matt: Yes, it did!

Dan: Yes. Jim, where are you? It's on the tip of my tongue.

Jim: Was it Unsinkable Molly Brown.

Dan: That's it!

Matt: It was Unsinkable Molly Brown! Yeah, absolutely. Very good. Very good.

Dan: Are you gonna give us the key words along the way?

Dave: I'm writing them down.

Matt: "What was the name of the spacecraft piloted by John Glenn that launched in 1962-"

Jim: Friendship 7.

Matt: Yep, and orbited the Earth, it was Friendship Seven. That's right. Enzo observes this the day after my birthday,

but not in 1960. "The ocean liner SS Andrea Doria collided with the MS Stockholm in 1956 while sailing in which body of water?

Jim: The Atlantic ocean, off Nantucket.

Matt: Yes. Anita, it is very well on our show that when it comes to Christmas carol lyrics and shipwrecks, Jim is just stone cold.

Anita: Obviously! These skills, they're just oozing out of you Jim!

Dave: The degrees in which we teach mean nothing!

Stephen: Something's oozing out of him!

Matt: It's all the knowledge of how to teach a class in person.

Jim: Oh yeah right!

Matt: How about this one? "Writer, comedian, director, Carl Reiner, played the temperamental TV variety show star Alan Brady, on what sitcom?

Jim: Dick Van Dyke Show.

Matt: Dick Van Dyke. "What was the nickname of the 41st governor of the great state of Michigan, who served six terms by the way? His nickname."

Dave: Soapy?

Matt: Soapy! Yes that's G Mennen Williams!

Anita: Are y'all Michiganders, cuz I'm a Texan. I'm just gonna state that.

laughter

Dave: I think...Matt are you the only native born here?

Matt: I think that might be true.

Anita: Wow, okay.

Dave: Stephen, are you a local?

Stephen: No.

Dave: Okay. Matt, you're the only local. And Michael and Brian possibly.

Matt: You knew that though.

Jim: I didn't know Soapy served six terms, though. That's a long time.

Dan: What years were those?

Matt: Um you know it doesn't have the years, but it mentions such a nickname, as all nicknames are, y'know bestowed. They're earned. His father had founded the mennen line of men's personal care of products.

Jim: And he's the one that got the Mackinac Bridge project pushed through

Dave: I mean, when you think about it, I mean Soapy is still better than like antiperspirants I mean.

Matt: All right, here's another one for you. "Carol Lindley portrayed a naive band singer named None, or Noni, who was ultimately rescued by red buttons in what 1972 disaster film?"

Dave and Jim: Poseidon Adventure!

Matt: I'm noticing a big, you know like...

Jim: Yeah, there's some ocean liners in here because they used the Queen Mary for the movie.

Dave: Mm hmm.

Matt: So, my son observes, was the film a disaster?

Dan: I was gonna ask the same thing!

Matt: The film was actually really good.

Jim: The remake didn't go anywhere but the original film. I mean, who could forget that the some of the classic scenes?! The song was very catchy, "there's got to be a morning after" that, too.

Dave: And I just can't get Shelly Winter swimming underwater out of my mind.

Jim: Yes!

Anita: More movies to add to the pandemic list!

Matt: "18th century Vermont farmer Justin Morgan gained fame for breeding what type of animal?" This actually became the basis for the cavalries of the American Civil War.

Dave: Horses?

Matt: Yeah, it was horses! I'm remembering, of course, that there is all sorts of interesting history when it comes to horses and North America, versus horses and Europe and things like

that. So the horses that became the true American horses that served our military in the civil war were bred by him in Vermont. "What was the name of the wife, who eventually became first lady of President Dwight David Eisenhower?"

Jim: Mamie. Mamie Dowd.

Matt: That's right. Mamie was her name. Okay, only a couple more before we do the final reveal here. "Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, which is the last?"

Anita: Omega.

Jim: There you go religious one!

Anita: I think the child got it before us.

Matt: He heard a few chants in his Greek classes, I'm sure! All right, one more here. Oh no! That's it, I'm sorry, that's 10. I'm gonna go and repeat the special words and I will remind you the key word in each question is a clue to the ultimate final question. What cable TV series has those words in common? Here we go. They are: Darrell, Grimes, Glenn, Andrea, Carl, Governor, Carol, Morgan, Dwight, and Alpha.

Dave: E,G,A,C,G,C, M,D,A. Doesn't mean a thing.

Matt: I actually I think it's a little more even more literal than that Dave. Those words are the names of characters and concepts on the show.

Jim: And it's a cable TV show?

Matt: This is a fairly recent however, it's been by now, it's been on the air for a number of years.

Dan: It's not Walking Dead is it?

Matt: It is! It's the Walking Dead! You got it! Very good!

Anita: Wow!

Matt: Very nice.

Jim: Are any of those characters living on the show?

Dan: I don't know, actually, to be honest, I've only seen the show a couple times, but some of those sounded familiar! It's on my binge list.

Matt: So here is the last thing that we do, Anita, on your first adventure to our show. We do a little segment called the ATP favorites. A very long time ago, one of our longtime question writers and submitters Frank Burroughs of Valencia California sent us a long list of themes, so that we would never run out of things to talk about our favorite of.

Dave: Oh, okay.

Matt: And our next set here is....Last time we did favorite magazines, if you remember. What would be the favorite car you would purchase if money was no object?

Anita: Tesla!

Matt: On wheels Anita I like the way you think.

Dan: I would say ever since watching Cannonball Run, I would have to say a Lamborghini. For sure.

Matt: Nice.

Dan: I have seen a white, yellow, blue, and grey Lamborghini up and down Woodward over the past year or two. Which is more than I've probably ever saw in the previous 25 years so. And I just saw one coming across seven mile by Woodward, probably coming from the Detroit Golf Club just a couple days ago.

Matt: Very cool.

Dan: Yeah, very cool!

Anita: I just saw several DeLoreans. Like in Back to the Future? That was strange this past summer, two of them.

Jim: I'm torn. I think a Tesla also, would probably be if money were no object.

Stephen: I'd probably say some version of Ferrari, but I love the new Corvette. Latest Corvette.

Dave: Okay now I'm torn okay. I just got done working on the Cadillac Lyric that just came out I had previews of that thing. That thing is amazing. Matt what about you?

Matt: You know it's a good question because you guys will all chatter. As one of the youngest people on this podcast, I don't have a direct connection to anything other than the first car that I owned which was an 83 Cooper, and it was a two door with a back seat and it was pretty powerful stuff, let me tell you. But I gotta be honest, if money was no object, and I see it coming, and I'm like, maybe I should start saving now, that new Ford Bronco, really looks good to me. I'm kind of excited about that. And I would be the guy. I could rip on my brother just a little bit, he's got this big old trunk and you know constantly introduces himself, "No I don't camp, I don't haul anything. I just like, you know, driving the truck home." So, anyway, I'm afraid that looking at my clock here that our time has come to say goodbye. Jim.

Jim: Goodbye!

Matt: Dan!

Dan: Goodbye!

Matt: Dave.

Dave: See ya.

Matt: Stephen.

Stephen: Bye!

Matt: Anita

Anita: Adios ____!

Matt: And now these words...

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