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Beth Oljar, Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Dan Maggio, Michael Jayson, James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Heather Hill, Matt Mio

- M** Matt Mio 00:02
The University tower chimes ring 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. The man the myth, the legend, Dave Chow is here with us today.
- D** Dave Chow 00:20
Oh, pleasure to be here as always.
- M** Matt Mio 00:23
Excellent. You only get to pick one man, myth, legend. Go.
- D** Dave Chow 00:26
I'll take legend.
- M** Matt Mio 00:28
You got it. You're like the Paul Bunyan statue.
- D** Dave Chow 00:32
So is Sasquatch and Nessie, so, I mean -

M Matt Mio 00:34
I was hoping for like more of a realistic like a tall tale style legend.

D Dave Chow 00:38
Oh, you mean what like Pecos Bill or -

M Matt Mio 00:41
Paul Bunyan.

D Dave Chow 00:41
Babe, the Blue Ox. Okay. All right. I could deal with that.

M Matt Mio 00:44
Babe, the blue ox, (laughs). Oh, man.

D Dave Chow 00:49
It could be worse.

M Matt Mio 00:50
Yeah, exactly. could always be worse. Let's see what tall tale would Mara Livezey like to be associated with? Is there any like tall tale that you've heard or legend that you want to be a part of?

M Mara Livezey 01:01
That's a good question.

D Dave Chow 01:03
Come on, we can start rumors right about now. We could build your street cred. Like, how you killed three people in an alleyway in New York City or something like that.

M Mara Livezey 01:12
Nice. Everything that I'm thinking of is like a female villain. Which isn't really my style. That's all I can think of.

B Beth Oljar 01:21
Nothing wrong with that.

M Matt Mio 01:23
Nothing wrong with that.

M Mara Livezey 01:24
A little Maleficent maybe.

M Matt Mio 01:26
Oh, okay, there we go.

D Dave Chow 01:28
Oh, you would look good with horns, wouldn't you.

M Matt Mio 01:33
Hopefully, unclipped wings. That would be nice.

M Mara Livezey 01:35
Hopefully.

M Mara Livezey 01:37
Jim Tubbs is also here with us today.

J James Tubbs 01:39
Hello. I'll go myth.

M Matt Mio 01:42
You'll go myth.

J James Tubbs 01:43
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 01:44
And no one will ever know

J James Tubbs 01:45
Well, sometimes I'm feeling like Sisyphus, you know.

M Matt Mio 01:49
Exactly.

B Beth Oljar 01:50
Minus the loincloth and the fancy hair. Right.

D Dave Chow 01:53
Well, what do you mean minus. That's the only reason Jim chose that.

B Beth Oljar 01:58
There's a line in The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel that Bruno Kirby - not Bruno Kirby, but the guy who's playing Lenny Bruce delivers. It's what he says about Sisyphus.

M Matt Mio 01:58
Oh, my gosh.

J James Tubbs 02:09

— Oh, okay.

B Beth Oljar 02:11
He says "I'm like Sisyphus, minus the loincloth and the fancy hair."

J James Tubbs 02:15
I was just thinking The Rock, you know.

B Beth Oljar 02:18
Oh, yes. Okay.

M Matt Mio 02:20
The rock that rolls back down. A rock that moves gathers no moss, sort of like Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 02:27
Uh -


D Dan Maggio 02:31
There's a compliment in there somewhere


M Mara Livezey 02:32
Just find it.


H Heather Hill 02:34
Uh -


M Matt Mio 02:34
You're always on the move, Heather. You're always on the move.


H Heather Hill 02:37


 Heather Hill 02:37
Oh, okay.


 Matt Mio 02:39
Yeah. How's Film class?

 Heather Hill 02:42
Ah, good. Professor Livezey came in a couple of weeks ago.

 Matt Mio 02:46
Oooh.


 Heather Hill 02:47
It was awesome!

 Beth Oljar 02:49
Yay!

 Heather Hill 02:50
It was fun. Yeah, we did "Get Out". Yeah.

 Matt Mio 02:53
That's cool.

 Heather Hill 02:54
Um, and then Professor Rombes came in last Monday.

 Matt Mio 02:59
Let me guess, film noir?



H Heather Hill 03:01
No, actually not film noir. Documentary, because I was working on documentaries that week.

M Matt Mio 03:07
Okay.

H Heather Hill 03:07
So he talked about documentaries, and it worked out well.

M Matt Mio 03:11
Nice.

H Heather Hill 03:12
It's good. It's okay. It's okay. Considering, you know -

M Matt Mio 03:15
Yep.

H Heather Hill 03:16
everything. So -

M Matt Mio 03:17
The circumstances under which it came to you? Yes.

H Heather Hill 03:20
Yes. The circumstances under which it came to me. Yeah, it's alright.

M Matt Mio 03:23
That's good. I mean, let's be serious - that, uh - we get these texts from our ex chair in my department - That whistling sound you just heard is the end of week 10, so there's only a few weeks to go here. Let's be serious.

H Heather Hill 03:37
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 03:39
Dan Maggio is here, and in between shows he's had a complete recovery.

D Dan Maggio 03:43
(Laughs) Yes. So Heather, when you have guest lecturers come in -

H Heather Hill 03:49
I'm calling them visiting scholars.

D Dan Maggio 03:51
Visiting scholars - right, visiting scholars. Are the students asked to watch these movies before -

H Heather Hill 03:59
No.

D Dan Maggio 04:00
that class?

H Heather Hill 04:01
No. I have a regular curriculum of the movies that are part of the class which they're required to watch. And then I put out a call and said, "you know, if you've got a favorite movie you want to come in and talk about just come ahead." It just it's so happened that Mara was interested in talking about "Get Out" and they had already seen it. That was part of the curriculum.

D Dan Maggio 04:25
Oh.

M Matt Mio 04:26
That's awesome.

H Heather Hill 04:27
Right. So - when Dave and Matt come in, I don't know, Matt, are you gonna talk about Back to the Future.

M Matt Mio 04:34
Back to the Future was the plan. Yeah.

H Heather Hill 04:35
Yeah. And Dave, I mean, that's the same week that we're doing - we start the Lion King movies that week, too. So, I don't know if you want to do something with that, Dave.

D Dave Chow 04:45
I could bring storyboards for both; and the I can draw for them, if need be.

M Matt Mio 04:50
That's awesome.

H Heather Hill 04:51
I'll have to see. You know, the class is two and a half hours long, so we may be able to squeeze that in.

D Dave Chow 04:57
We will have them in rain barrels in no time. So -

M Matt Mio 05:00
That's right. That's right.

D Dave Chow 05:01
We also take watches, gold teeth - We can barter.

H Heather Hill 05:05
But it's been good to have people come in. It's been fun, you know. So - And then Beth's coming in. And then Stephen's coming in, too.

M Matt Mio 05:14
That's great.

J James Tubbs 05:16
What's your movie, Stephen?

S Stephen Manning 05:18
Lion King.

M Matt Mio 05:19
Oh, Lion King. Yeah. Well, we can't forget to mention Beth Oljar is here, because she is the Mistress of the Halloween to Christmas transition.

M Mara Livezey 05:31
(Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 05:32
Ah, okay. I'll buy that. That sounds good.

M Matt Mio 05:35
I mean, Thanksgiving is the American gateway to the end-of-year holidays, right.

B Beth Oljar 05:42
I guess.

M

Matt Mio 05:44

What occurs to us in the department this week, Beth, I think you've stopped by enough time to know that, in most years in the main office, in the Chem department, we have a Halloween tree, a Thanksgiving tree and a Christmas tree to follow.

B

Beth Oljar 05:56

Jane has already put up the Christmas tree. She was doing that when I came in on Monday.

M

Matt Mio 06:01

Yeah, so that's - that's actually the Thanksgiving tree. It has a turkey on top of it.

B

Beth Oljar 06:05

Oh, okay.

M

Matt Mio 06:07

But if you follow with the dates that we're doing all this sort of business and are very sacred about day-one and day N-plus-one, Jane will have the Halloween tree up for 31 days -for fairly obvious reasons. The Thanksgiving tree is really only up for 20 odd days. And the Christmas tree sadly is only up for a couple of weeks, because we're always breaking for Christmas a little bit early. So it's kind of sad in that regard. But we we pushed the envelope this year, Beth, in a way that I think you'll appreciate. We said that it always looked odd. We have this all black tree for Halloween, that it didn't have a skirt. And so Jane discovered the wonderful world of Amazon, non Christmas themed tree skirts. And now we have a Halloween skirt and a Thanksgiving skirt. So

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Beth Oljar 06:53

Wow, that is so cool.

M

Matt Mio 06:55

Pretty big, pretty big deal. Last, but not least, we already heard he's going to be talking about the Lion King, it's Stephen Manning.

S

Stephen Manning 07:03

Meanwhile, over at Briggs, there is no celebration of any kind

M

Matt Mio 07:08

(Laughs) That's horrible!

M

Matt Mio 07:10

Lezly had some candy in the main office. But yeah, there will be Christmas decorations. I guess.

J

James Tubbs 07:16

There'll be Christmas decorations.

D

Dan Maggio 07:17

You would think that the cheer would spread from one building to another, but it doesn't seem to - have that -

S

Stephen Manning 07:24

Well, that requires a certain mentality among people.

M

Matt Mio 07:30

Right. Hey, folks, while you're contemplating potato sacks, 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 can send the questions to us in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP at UDMercy dot edu. Find us on Facebook or Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to invade your privacy by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. You know, that set of questions from Frank Burroughs and family is still actually cooking. They came up with so many questions. We were having a ton of fun. A little bit of Michigan history - a little bit of crazy history. What major league baseball team has a mascot that is a seal?

D

Dave Chow 08:16

A seal?

D

Dan Maggio 08:19

Baseball? Yen. His name - His name is Lou

baseball. Yep, his name. His name is Lou.

D Dan Maggio 08:25
It's not the Mariners, is it?

S Stephen Manning 08:28
Padres

D Dan Maggio 08:29
Marlins?

M Matt Mio 08:33
Nope.

D Dave Chow 08:35
What? It's not the Dodgers,

H Heather Hill 08:37
It's a Major League Baseball team.

M Matt Mio 08:39
Absolutely.

J James Tubbs 08:41
The Giants?

M Matt Mio 08:42
It's the Giants. Yeah, it's the San Francisco Giants.

D Dan Maggio 08:45

Really?

M Matt Mio 08:45

Because the Seal Island is just over the right field which goes right out into the bay.

D Dave Chow 08:51

So now what's the significance of Lou?

M Matt Mio 08:54

That's a good question. I want to say that maybe the person who brought the Giants out west.

D Dave Chow 08:59

Oh wait. Don't tell me it's Lou Seal.

M Matt Mio 09:03

Well, her name is Lucille - Absolutely. 100%

D Dave Chow 09:07

Oh, jeez, talk about bad puns.

M Matt Mio 09:11

How about this one? If you know this trivia, you know it. I'm not quite sure I can be able to help you too much, if you don't. What rock band started with the name, a fairly famous rock band - mostly in the 80s - started with the name Rat Salad?

B Beth Oljar 09:28

Rat? Was it the band "Rat"?

M Matt Mio 09:30

It wasn't Rat, and that would have been my guess but it was in the hairband realm.

D Dan Maggio 09:38
Motley Crue

H Heather Hill 09:39
The B52's

D Dave Chow 09:42
Rat Salad?

B Beth Oljar 09:43
Oh, Poison?

M Matt Mio 09:45
They ended up going with the surname of a prominent member.

D Dave Chow 09:52
What?

B Beth Oljar 09:54
Van Halen?

M Matt Mio 09:55
Van Halen, it was Van Halen.

J James Tubbs 09:57
Okay, the Rat Salad is making a little more sense.

M Matt Mio 10:00
(Laughs) I'm surprised none of you mentioned Ozzie, quite frankly. He was the, supposedly rat guy, right?

J James Tubbs 10:09
Yeah, well, but yeah, eating them is not the same as being them.

D Dan Maggio 10:12
No, it was a bat.

B Beth Oljar 10:13
It was a bird. Yeah. It was a bird.

M Matt Mio 10:16
Okay. Oh, it was a bat. Maybe was all those things, I don't know.

B Beth Oljar 10:21
It was a white bird. No, he really did it.


D Dan Maggio 10:23
Oh,


B Beth Oljar 10:24
Yeah.


D Dan Maggio 10:25
Okay.


M Matt Mio 10:28
Hey professors - One started in 1960, the other started in 1963. So which is which - Justice League or the Avengers?


D Dan Maggio 10:41


 Oh,


 Dave Chow 10:42
Justice League. Yeah, they were the earlier one.


 Heather Hill 10:46
Yeah,


 Matt Mio 10:47
Justice League was 1960 ,Yeah. And thus continued with some of these YouTubers that I follow. Like you have to understand something about DC and Marvel they literally have, almost character by character, the same set of ideas and tropes and powers all the way up to having a purple space emperor. I laughed very hard. Oh, man. Just so you know, that's where DC is going - all hail Darkside. What restaurant chain, speaking of those 60s, was opened in 1962 by its founder Glenn Bell,

 Beth Oljar 11:30
Taco Bell.

 Matt Mio 11:31
Taco Bell. Yeah, that's where it got its name.

 Dave Chow 11:35
Kendra, Kendra would have gotten that one. She's you know, she's our Taco Bell ringer, isn't she?

 Matt Mio 11:40
She is. She keeps them in business, from what I hear. Yeah.

 Beth Oljar 11:44
Chalupas are so yummy.

D Dave Chow 11:46
Oh!

M Matt Mio 11:47
They are so yummy.

D Dave Chow 11:48
I miss the Mexican pizza, though.

M Matt Mio 11:51
That's also true. Professors, who was the first, I mean listen to this. This is someone who lives in Valencia, California, and this is the trivia question we get. Who was the first act to appear at Pine knob - 25th of June, 1972. Tickets were seated \$7, \$5 or 2.50 for the lawn.

D Dan Maggio 12:16
Wow. What a deal.

B Beth Oljar 12:19
Alice Cooper, local boy.

M Matt Mio 12:21
So I will try- That's a really good guess, by the way. Alice Cooper makes perfect sense. But it was a - for lack of a better description, 1972 - a teen heartthrob.

B Beth Oljar 12:32
David Cassidy.

M Matt Mio 12:33
It was David Cassidy, (Laughs) right after I said it.

B Beth Oljar 12:39

I saw him in concert - about that time.

D Dave Chow 12:42
Wow!

B Beth Oljar 12:43
Maybe a year or so later. Yeah. I had a real thing for him.

D Dave Chow 12:49
I just can't imagine crowd surfing to David Cassidy.

H Heather Hill 12:52
(Singing) "I think I love you."

M Matt Mio 12:53
I know, Heather's going down the "I think I love you."

D Dave Chow 12:57
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio 12:57
That's wild.

B Beth Oljar 12:58
I liked the Partridge Family songs.

M Matt Mio 13:02
Let's see if those among us who know their James Bond can answer this handful of questions.
Two actors have played James Bond in seven films. Who are they?

D Dave Chow 13:16
Roger Moore.

J James Tubbs 13:17
Sean Connery.

M Matt Mio 13:20
One actor has played James Bond five times now.

D Dan Maggio 13:26
Daniel Craig.

H Heather Hill 13:27
Oh,

M Matt Mio 13:28
That's Daniel Craig.

B Beth Oljar 13:29
Oh, okay. yeah.

D Dave Chow 13:30
Fifth and done, so -

M Matt Mio 13:31
Pierce Brosnan, only four. How many times did Timothy Dalton play James Bond?

D Dave Chow 13:37
Too many?

D Dan Maggio 13:38
Two.

B Beth Oljar 13:39
Three.

M Matt Mio 13:40
It was actually only twice. Only two movies. And then of course, we know George Lazenby was only one.

D Dave Chow 13:46
One

B Beth Oljar 13:47
I saw on the internet, Henry Cavill is signed up to be the next - he could be really good. I certainly think Idris Elba would have been awesome, but

M Mara Livezey 13:57
come on another white guy?

B Beth Oljar 13:59
Well, that's why it Idris Elba would have been awesome. Or one of the great Indian or Muslim actors that they have in Britain. So yeah, there were, you know, options there. But Henry Cavill is not - I don't think he's a bad choice necessarily.

D Dave Chow 14:16
He's eye candy at that point, you know,

D Dan Maggio 14:18
As long as it doesn't prevent him from taping the Witcher, I'm perfectly fine.

M Matt Mio 14:22
Right. Right. You know, we have a female Doctor Who now. Isn't a time we have a female James Bond too.

D Dan Maggio 14:28
And she is fantastic.

M Matt Mio 14:30
Yeah

D Dan Maggio 14:31
But she's leaving.

M Matt Mio 14:32
Oh, that's too bad.

D Dan Maggio 14:33
Unfortunately.

D Dave Chow 14:34
So who's taking over there?

D Dan Maggio 14:36
I don't know that I saw, but she's really starting to grow on me. I really enjoy her character and her kind of silliness.

J James Tubbs 14:48
Who was the longest playing Doctor Who? Which actor?

D Dan Maggio 14:53
Tom Baker, I think seven seasons.

M Matt Mio 14:55
That sounds about right.

D Dan Maggio 14:57
I don't think any of the late - the newer ones went that long.

M Matt Mio 15:05
Hey, which goalie brother duo were the first to play against each other in the history of the NHL?

D Dave Chow 15:13
Ooh. Alright day. Hold on, hold on. I'm trying to figure out who Esposito now hold on hold on the drain brothers cannon Dave Dryden.

M Matt Mio 15:25
That's right. The Dryden. You got it. Yep. A font of knowledge immediately Dave starts talking. Everybody just sort of backs up a little bit. A professor's it's not Detroit Mercy, which Michigan University has been known to issue faux permits for unicorn hunters.

B Beth Oljar 15:46
Oh, crease.

D Dave Chow 15:50
Where would there be unicorns in Michigan?

M Matt Mio 15:53
That's actually a good way to solve this. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 15:55
Michigan Tech would be a good one. Yeah. They're in the middle of nowhere kind of bored off the coast. I'd issue a permit

the coconut. I'd issue a permit.

M Matt Mio 16:03
How about just a little further south than Michigan Tech,

H Heather Hill 16:07
Western Michigan?

B Beth Oljar 16:09
Grand Valley State.

D Dan Maggio 16:14
Northern Michigan University.

M Matt Mio 16:16
Nope. They're north of Michigan Tech. Central Michigan.

D Dan Maggio 16:21
No, although the northern Michigan cover city. Sorry. I got the name wrong. Okay. Wait, wait.

D Dave Chow 16:28
Adrian. What's other Alma?

M Matt Mio 16:32
I'm really surprised at all of you.

D Dan Maggio 16:35
Releasing you see just south of Michigan Tech

M Matt Mio 16:39

as the crow flies. You know what we're looking for here is Lake Superior State University.

D Dan Maggio 16:45
Oh, Lake Superior State. Well, that's more. Oh, we appreciate that.

H Heather Hill 16:55
You shouldn't be hunting unicorns anyway. That's what Voldemort does.

D Dan Maggio 17:00
He does.

M Matt Mio 17:02
You shouldn't be hunting them anyway. I totally agree.

D Dave Chow 17:05
What they're such good eating though. Oh, well, that's

J James Tubbs 17:09
why they're faux permits. Right. Right. Because you really shouldn't be doing it.

M Matt Mio 17:14
I'm very, very famous. Hopped around to a lot of different shows. A host of American game shows wink Martindale. What is his actual name?

D Dave Chow 17:26
It isn't wink. Wink and wink more.

M Matt Mio 17:33
Wink more.

H Heather Hill 17:34
William Robert. Deal worm

M Matt Mio 17:39
shares the first name with a very, very famous Prime Minister of England. Winston Winston, Winston Martin Dale instead.

J James Tubbs 17:49
And he's from Jackson, Tennessee.

M Matt Mio 17:51
That's right. That's really great.

B Beth Oljar 17:53
I'm trying to imagine how Churchill would have felt if anyone in the step of the nickname wink.

M Matt Mio 18:01
I'm gonna go on record and say that wouldn't have gone very? No,

B Beth Oljar 18:05
I don't think so.

M Matt Mio 18:09
Hey, professors. This is a fairly well known piece of trivia top to bottom that Jerry Ford was the First Eagle Scout who ever became president of the United States. Who was the first boy scout of any kind who became president of the United States?

J James Tubbs 18:29
Teddy Roosevelt.

M Matt Mio 18:30

No, That makes sense, but that's not it.

D Dave Chow 18:33
Gerald Ford again?

M Matt Mio 18:35
Mm-mm.

D Dave Chow 18:35
the one and only - Oh,

B Beth Oljar 18:36
John Kennedy.

M Matt Mio 18:38
It was Jack Kennedy. Yeah, it was Jack Kennedy. I think that sort of stuff is funny, because having dabbled in Cub Scouts in my grade school years. I mean, you just kind of like, get involved. And then at some point, you either commit for life or you are not involved anymore. Last one, what was the name of the gang of females in the movie Grease?

D Dan Maggio 19:03
Pink Ladies.

M Matt Mio 19:05
The Pink Ladies. Yes, that is right. Would you - would you call them a gang? Would you call them a gang?-

D Dan Maggio 19:12
A gaggle - maybe?

B Beth Oljar 19:14
Sure

sure.

D Dan Maggio 19:15
Rather than a gang.

D Dave Chow 19:19
What - was it what a gaggle. Is this like a murder of crows kind of thing?

M Matt Mio 19:22
No, I mean "gang" has its own negative connotation. It's like -

B Beth Oljar 19:25
Yeah, they were a gang - I think. Yeah. The problem with Sandy was that she was too clean to be Pink. She could never be a Pink Lady.

M Matt Mio 19:41
That's right.

B Beth Oljar 19:41
She didn't smoke. She didn't drink.

M Matt Mio 19:43
Right.

J James Tubbs 19:44
They were such great background singers in such hits as "Beauty School Dropout".

B Beth Oljar 19:51
Frankie Valli's in that.

D Dan Maggio 19:51
That's right.

D Dave Chow 19:53
Didi Conn.

M Matt Mio 19:55
We've reached the end of these questions, and we'll transition as well we should in to the next level of the list of Imponderables from the Burroughs family. And for this week what we have is "What is your favorite pair of shoes?"

D Dave Chow 20:15
Pair of shoes?

B Beth Oljar 20:18
Like -

D Dave Chow 20:18
I'm wearing them

B Beth Oljar 20:19
Ever? or -

M Matt Mio 20:21
I think we can interpret this any way that we wish.

B Beth Oljar 20:24
I've had a lot of shoes over the years.

M Matt Mio 20:27
How attached are you to a pair of shoes? I can tell you this much - We were doing Ask The Professor, once we sort of got our butts in gear after the beginning of the pandemic. And I remember Jim and I were having a conversation before one of the shows. And Jim, you had remarked something about not having worn shoes in a long time. And then it sort of became a crusade of mine. I had just purchased a brand new pair of shoes before the pandemic started. And I had worn them every day teaching throughout the end of that semester and all summer,

and then all fall - not for every single occasion but mostly wearing those shoes. And I gave them a proper send off by tossing them into the bonfire in late 2020 last year saying "Thank you shoes for getting me through the pandemic"

M Matt Mio 20:32

(Laughs) That - you know, that's the problem with jogging shoes, because they really - if you wear them a lot, they don't last that long. I mean the rubber in 'em begins to wear.

M Matt Mio 21:19

True.

J James Tubbs 21:20

And they - you know, you have to throw them away even though they were the most comfortable things you've had

D Dave Chow 21:26

See, now, I've got a pair of sentimental ones which I just recently bought. I know that sounds strange but sentimental and shoes and recent don't necessarily go together. But to make a long story short, one of my best friends from high school - we used to go to Northland Mall. And I remember we walked by the Sibley's. Does anybody remember Sibley's?

J James Tubbs 21:43

Yep.

D Dave Chow 21:44

And we saw these Johnson and Murphy ox blood wingtips.

M Matt Mio 21:49

You know, we were like 16 years old. "We can't wear those. We'd look like pimps." And then my friend said, you know, "those would be our professorial shoes or our high executive shoes. And we always swore up and down that we'd buy a pair. So, a year and a half ago my friend passed, and on the anniversary of his death I bought a pair of - Now, mind you Johnson & Murphy doesn't make oxblood wingtips anymore, but sol a ver does and solever, they were the people who made Doc Martens back in the day and still do. So I'm wearing them even as we speak in memory of a good friend. That's all, so -

M Matt Mio 21:49
Wow.

M Matt Mio 22:27
It's a good shoe story.

J James Tubbs 22:29
Now I had a pair of oxblood wingtips that were actually lightweight. They were some sort of, you know, man made material, but they looked like a leather shoes, but they were very lightweight. They were quite comfortable, because they had like the foam, you know, insole.

D Dave Chow 22:45
Yep.

J James Tubbs 22:45
They were good.

D Dave Chow 22:47
It took forever to break in. But yeah,

B Beth Oljar 22:49
I think all of my mocks that I've gotten - my pairs of mox that I've gotten over the years from Land's End are pretty, pretty good. I'm very fond of them.

M Matt Mio 23:00
That's great.

B Beth Oljar 23:01
And oh the many pairs of boots I've had over the years. So - I really like boots.

—

M Matt Mio 23:08
Boots are good.

B Beth Oljar 23:10
Yeah,

J James Tubbs 23:10
they are made for walking?

D Dave Chow 23:12
Yep,

B Beth Oljar 23:13
indeed. Yes. Nancy Sinatra. I actually co wrote that song with Nancy Sinatra. A little known fact.

M Mara Livezey 23:20
Oh, Wow.

M Matt Mio 23:21
My favorite boots are made for walking

M Matt Mio 23:23
That's right.

D Dave Chow 23:30
We can't be the only ones with shoe stories. Right?

M Mara Livezey 23:33
I'll take it in a different direction. This isn't a pair of shoes that you might think is a pair of shoes, and they certainly aren't particularly comfortable. (Mara lifts her shoe up to the camera)

B Beth Oljar 23:42
Toe shoes!

M Mara Livezey 23:44
But pointe shoes.

M Matt Mio 23:46
There we go. There we go.

M Mara Livezey 23:48
Um, not because they're comfortable because you know, there's just nothing better than dancing and a pair of pointe shoes. There's nothing like it.

B Beth Oljar 23:56
I'll buy that.

M Matt Mio 23:56
That's a good shoe story.

S Stephen Manning 23:59
I agree with Dave that you can be sentimental about shoes. I inherited a pair of shoes from my father, when he died. His foot was slightly bigger than mine. So to wear these, really a beautiful pair of shoes, and I had to get one of those Dr. Scholl's insert - foam insert things -

S Stephen Manning 24:19
so it would not slip on you. And I wear them - not often, but periodically; and they have sentimental value.

S Stephen Manning 24:19
Sure.

M Matt Mio 24:25
That's cool.

D Dave Chow 24:27
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 24:28
Sure.

H Heather Hill 24:29
Um, I guess I would pick up on what Jim said about running shoes. I mean, I only started running a few years ago. And you know, every time I get a new pair of running shoes, it makes me feel nice. I mean, I like to rotate them - you know, I think now I have maybe four pair that I rotate. Some individuals have 17 or 18 pairs that they rotate -

B Beth Oljar 24:54
(Laughs)

H Heather Hill 24:54
which is quite amazing to me.

S Stephen Manning 24:56
When did you get your most recent pair, Heather?

B Beth Oljar 25:00
I think that would be Christmas - last Christmas.

D Dave Chow 25:03
So, now Heather, Are you brand loyal?

H Heather Hill 25:06

H Heather Hill 25:06
Yeah. Oh yeah you have to be. Yeah. We get our shoes at Run Detroit usually.

D Dave Chow 25:11
No, but is it - what - Nike - ASICS?

H Heather Hill 25:14
ASICS, I was fitted for either Brooks or Saucony's.

D Dave Chow 25:19
Okay.

M Matt Mio 25:19
Yep,

H Heather Hill 25:20
But I got a new pair of Brooks recently as an early Christmas gift from Stephen

B Beth Oljar 25:26
He's so thoughtful

H Heather Hill 25:28
Yeah. So - I don't know, I just - I like getting a new pair of running shoes to add to my rotation - so that I can catch up with some people who have a lot more than I do. I never will catch up because you know I can't - At any rate,

D Dave Chow 25:44
No, no, Heather. It's not about catching up. It's about slowing them down now. That's all.

H Heather Hill 25:50
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 25:51
Trip them. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 25:53
Stephen, I don't think we've heard from you.

S Stephen Manning 25:54
if you were a runner, you know, the shoes are as important as like tires on a car. They're the only thing that touches the ground.

M Mara Livezey 26:03
Oh yeah.

S Stephen Manning 26:04
You really have to have a good pair of running shoes.

H Heather Hill 26:06
Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 26:08
Or - you can not run. (Dave and Mara laugh)

M Matt Mio 26:14
I was gonna make a joke - I really hope the shoes are the only things that touch the ground.

B Beth Oljar 26:21
I have one pair of sneakers. Walking shoes.

D Dave Chow 26:27

Okay, we haven't heard from Dan.

M Matt Mio 26:28
We haven't heard from Dan.

D Dan Maggio 26:29
I don't have much to say. I like Merrill's Shoes.

M Matt Mio 26:34
Oh yeah.

D Dan Maggio 26:35
I probably have the most of them, and I don't own a pair of running shoes.

J James Tubbs 26:39
Do you have any special curling shoes?


D Dan Maggio 26:41
I do. Oh, I guess. Yeah, that's a good - I could share a story like Mara. I do have a pair of- I have many pairs of curling shoes, which are - which unfortunately do not have another place that they could be worn outside of the curling world.


D Dave Chow 26:57
Well, you can wear them in the parking lot. You can wear them anywhere. It just won't be as functional, that's all.


H Heather Hill 27:02
Dan, how many pairs do you have?


H Heather Hill 27:04
Four. Most of them are old, and I don't know what else to do with them. I always look for new curlers to donate them to but I can't find them.


- Mara Livezey 27:13
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- Beth Oljar 27:21
Toe shoes.
- Matt Mio 27:23
There we go.
- Mara Livezey 27:24
Not because they're comfortable, because you know there's just nothing better than dancing and a pair of pointe shoes there's nothing like it.
- Matt Mio 27:31
Well, professors, I believe we have mined this one on the basics of favorite pair of shoes just about as far as it can go. And the time has come to say goodbye. Stephen.
- Stephen Manning 27:43
Goodbye
- Matt Mio 27:44
Beth
- Beth Oljar 27:45
Good-bye
- Matt Mio 27:46
Dan


 Dan Maggio 27:47
Good bye.


 Matt Mio 27:48
Heather.

 Heather Hill 27:49
Bye.


 Matt Mio 27:49
Jim.


 James Tubbs 27:50
Adios

 Matt Mio 27:51
Mara

 Mara Livezey 27:52
Goodbye

 Matt Mio 27:53
and Dave

 Dave Chow 27:54
See ya.

 Matt Mio 27:55
Now these words,



Michael Jayson 27:57

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Matt Mio 28:06

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