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- M** Matt Mio 00:02
The University tower times bring 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 mile. And let me introduce you to our panel for today. He is in the upper left corner of my screen 90% of the time, It's professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 00:26
Oh, pleasure to be here, as always.
- M** Matt Mio 00:28
Good to see you. Dave. How's everything at the Chow house?
- D** Dave Chow 00:31
So far, so good. Busy.
- S** Stephen Manning 00:32
It sounds like a takeout joint.
- D** Dave Chow 00:35
It could be for the right price. I mean, I do offer hourly rates. So I mean -

M Matt Mio 00:40
Dave, my family has noticed the advent perhaps of these LED lamps in your front window recently. What's that all about?

D Dave Chow 00:50
Um, Marcy is growing succulents, and they need just a little bit more sunlight than what they're getting now in this lovely Michigan gray. That's all, so - As we call it, you know, it's kind of like the Grauman's Chinese Theater look right about now. That's all.

M Matt Mio 01:06
Right. It's just, um, you know, usually, especially after folks are retiring, that side of the street is relatively dark, but those lights she's using are quite bright. Very, very bright.

D Dave Chow 01:17
Yeah. And fortunately, they shut off at about 6:30, 7-ish. But that's that's still a few hours of dark and I'm sure my neighbor's going, "Why am I getting a tan from from Dave's house?"

M Matt Mio 01:29
Awesome.

S Stephen Manning 01:29
Are you implying retired people go to bed like early?

B Beth Oljar 01:34
Hey, some unretired people go to bed early.

M Matt Mio 01:37
You took the words right out of my mouth, Beth.

S Stephen Manning 01:40
830 is not all that early.

D Dave Chow 01:42
(Laughing) am or pm?

B Beth Oljar 01:46
I have been known to go up to bed at 730. And then I watch TV and I read and then I go to sleep.

M Matt Mio 01:54
There you go. That makes sense.

B Beth Oljar 01:56
And I'm not retired.

D Dave Chow 01:58
I work the other nine to five.

M Matt Mio 02:00
I know that someone who was nodding vigorously is - because I'm fairly certain of her rising schedule - is Professor Mara Livezey.

M Mara Livezey 02:08
Oh, yes. So the youngest person on the panel, and you know, you guys are talking about going to bed at 8:30, 9. I'm like yeah,

M Matt Mio 02:17
That's about right.

M Mara Livezey 02:18
That's great. That's what I do.



B Beth Oljar 02:19

I was like that when I was your age too. So clearly, you know, for some people, it's just- sleep is the gift of the gods. I mean, you know,

M Matt Mio 02:28

Yes, it is

M Mara Livezey 02:30

like a good nine hours. 10 If you can get it.

D Dave Chow 02:33

In two days.

B Beth Oljar 02:34

I am definitely a nine hour girl as often as possible.

D Dave Chow 02:38

Oh!

M Mara Livezey 02:38

Heck yeah.

M Matt Mio 02:39

(Laughs) We were talking about taking the students to the San Diego - March 2022 American Chemical Society Meeting; and I'm like oh, I can't wait for a poster session that it basically is 8 to 10 local time. And so, you know - to think that you're done doing work at midnight is something that my body already shutters about. So -

M Mara Livezey 03:01

Horrifying.

M Matt Mio 03:02



Matt Mio 03:02

Absolutely horrifying (laughs). I don't know how I do it. I mean, I drink a lot of caffeine - which is also not good for me. So, you know, there's no way to win Mara. No way to win.



Mara Livezey 03:11

Well, we'll pull through.



Matt Mio 03:12

Yep.



Dave Chow 03:13

Nine hours. I am so jealous.



Beth Oljar 03:15

You know we could all go live in Europe. That would probably help, but -



Mara Livezey 03:19

Yeah, that would.



Matt Mio 03:22

Professor Stephen Manning is here with us today. For a second, I did a double take, Stephen. Those blue blinds behind you almost look like shutters like you were outside of a barn or something. But I think you're inside the house.



Stephen Manning 03:33

I'm inside the house. today. Yes. A little - they're predicting snow showers later. So I'm



Matt Mio 03:36

They are.



Stephen Manning 03:41

The dog's outside. But I'm in. The dog loves this weather.

S Stephen Manning 03:44
Yes. Best to just block it all out. That's what I say.

S Stephen Manning 03:48
Right.

S Stephen Manning 03:49
I don't know if you saw, Stephen, last week, I think - the Upper Peninsula got its first measurable snow. And they always go out there - the kids - and try to make a snowman out of it just to get a picture and say "Hey, it was November 4" or something like that. You know,

S Stephen Manning 04:05
it was a very stormy day. This day was a very stormy day 46 years ago. Anyone know what happened 46 years ago on this day?

M Matt Mio 04:14
Oh- Why does that ring a bell?

S Stephen Manning 04:15
Yep.

M Mara Livezey 04:16
No.

S Stephen Manning 04:17
Big storm.

M Matt Mio 04:18
Oh, it was - uh - Edmund Fitzgerald.

D Dave Chow 04:21
Oh! okay.

M Matt Mio 04:22
Yeah, the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

B Beth Oljar 04:24
If you had just said Gordon Lightfoot.

D Dave Chow 04:26
I know. Yeah.

M Mara Livezey 04:28
Yeah.

S Stephen Manning 04:28
My follow-up was gonna be "How many people died?" All crew members died. I think it was 27.
And "Who the year after this -" So this is in 75 and 76. "Who wrote a song about this?" And Beth
got it. Gordon Lightfoot.

M Matt Mio 04:40
Yeah. There we go.

S Stephen Manning 04:40
Yeah. Gordon Lightfoot.

B Beth Oljar 04:41
The big lake they call Gitchigumi.

D Dave Chow 04:44

We can always head down to Mariners Church and ring the bell a couple dozen times too, if you want.

M Matt Mio 04:48

That's right. I was just taking my students down to the instrument lab. And we went down and it was windy but the sun was out. And by the time we were coming back up, it was windy and it was raining and I said the Witch of November. I mean, come on. That's what we're dealing with here. Uh, Sorry for the gendered language but the weather's a little fitful at this time of year in Michigan.

B Beth Oljar 05:08

Did they get the reference?

M Matt Mio 05:11

I - They did not. They most definitely did not.

B Beth Oljar 05:14

Of course. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 05:16

Those are the dulcet tones of Professor Beth Oljar - who knows her Gordon Lightfoot.

B Beth Oljar 05:21

He's a - I thought he was a great songwriter, actually.

M Matt Mio 05:24

Absolutely. Absolutely. Modern ballads. Right? I mean, let's be serious here.

B Beth Oljar 05:28

Yeah.

D Dave Chow 05:29

And fellow Canadian.

M Matt Mio 05:31

Yep. Yeah. 46 isn't - isn't too long ago.

B Beth Oljar 05:35

I mean, Gordon Lightfoot and Jim Croce figured pretty significantly in my growing up years. So -

M Matt Mio 05:42

Nice. Nice.

B Beth Oljar 05:44

So I'm old, (laughs), basically.

D Dave Chow 05:48

Old-ER, more seasoned, experienced.

B Beth Oljar 05:51

Indeed,

M Matt Mio 05:52

I am playing a short song before every Friday morning recitation. And we did a little sort of goodbye to summer during September. And then we, you know, ramped up to Halloween in October, and I really didn't have anything for today. So I put on some Earth, Wind and Fire and one of the student said, "So this is like, from when you were growing up?" and I'm like, Actually, it's a little bit before that.

S Stephen Manning 06:15

(Laughs)

M Matt Mio 06:18

But beautiful stuff. Beautiful stuff.

D Dave Chow 06:20
Now, hold it. Which Earth Wind and Fire did you play though? Did you play like -

M Matt Mio 06:25
I did it on purpose. I played SEPTEMBER.

B Beth Oljar 06:28
Of course. I figured.

M Matt Mio 06:29
Because the love that we shared, you know, now that it's December, I said, Look rhyming the word September is really hard. It's really hard. We only have "December" and "remember" to help us, you know?

D Dave Chow 06:41
Well, I mean, there's also Detroit component to it, so you're allowed.

M Matt Mio 06:45
That's right. That's exactly right.

D Dave Chow 06:47
You know, you're good. I just want make sure you didn't play like Serpentine Fire, Boogie Wonderland or something like that, and really, really throw the kids off. That's all.

M Matt Mio 06:56
Well, they know that I'm into funk. Now. There's no going back.

D Dave Chow 06:58
Alright.

B Beth Oljar 06:59

Just the degree to which their music knowledge and appreciation is apparently so impoverished just really kind of makes me feel sad, actually.

M Matt Mio 07:10

I messaged them, Beth, ahead of time. And I said, What kind of songs should I play this morning? I'm a little bit at a loss. And they said, "Play what makes you happy." And within five seconds, we were listening to SEPTEMBER. That's all I have to say.

M Matt Mio 07:23

Tell you what, folks - This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything; and if you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions 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 play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. So here we are, it was bound to happen sooner or later. We have a big old stack of questions from Detroit Mercy students. Thanks primarily this time around to Professor Beth Oljar.

D Dave Chow 07:23

Okay.

M Mara Livezey 07:23

Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 07:59

Wait, did you introduce Mara and Stephen?

D Dave Chow 08:01

I did?

D Dave Chow 08:02

Yes.

B Beth Oljar 08:03
Oh, okay.

M Matt Mio 08:05
Yep. We're good. (Laughs)

M Mara Livezey 08:09
It's been a week.

M Matt Mio 08:10
It's been a semestah!

S Stephen Manning 08:12
Boy, you are getting old.

B Beth Oljar 08:13
I really had a hell of a conditional proof that I had to do in class. And you know, it was because I couldn't do it Wednesday, I was just flummoxed by it. So I had to go back to my office and do the freakin' proof and then come in and do it today. Just so the students would know that I could.

M Mara Livezey 08:31
Right.

B Beth Oljar 08:32
So, cut me some slack.

M Matt Mio 08:33
I'm sending a lot of love and advises your way for Symbolic Logic in the winter, by the way, Beth. So have fun.

B Beth Oljar 08:40
Yeah, it's filling up fast. That's for sure.

M Matt Mio 08:43
That's awesome. It's awesome. Okay, folks, the students were given the instructions to write 10 questions on a topic. So we should be able to get through two or three of these in a show. And this is a good one. Student Ben Yacoub, from Intro to Philosophy with Professor Beth Oljar. and his theme is Modern Computing. So let's see what we can do with these. What does the acronym L A N stand for?

B Beth Oljar 09:10
Land something network, right?

M Matt Mio 09:14
Close

D Dave Chow 09:14
Um - access,

S Stephen Manning 09:15
Not analog, um -

D Dave Chow 09:18
Access, uh, analytical.

M Matt Mio 09:21
I think you're overthinking it, actually.

B Beth Oljar 09:24
Land area network? No?



M

Matt Mio 09:27

I mean, you've got two of the bits now. So the final answer is it's the Local Area Network.

B

Beth Oljar 09:32

Oh, local.

M

Matt Mio 09:33

So like - Detroit Mercy or something like that. That's the LAN. Yep. We used to talk about this a lot. I had one summer where I did some work in a industrial lab, and you can't share the data with anybody. And even if it was the nascent days of the Internet, your land was blocked from every other network so that no one can take the data, things like that. We know that work - I can't help myself - We know that works really great at Detroit Mercy. I'm like - I don't know. There's so many internet issues. I can't do anything around here. I feel bad. I know our I.T. is stretched very thin, but it's rough sometimes.

D

Dave Chow 10:09

I always joked about if I were ever taken like rogue teaching, get the black Winnebago and just circle the CCS campus and just tap the free Wi Fi.

M

Matt Mio 10:18

That's right.

D

Dave Chow 10:19

It works.

M

Matt Mio 10:20

It looks like we're doing the acronym thing a lot here.

D

Dave Chow 10:23

Oh.

D

Dave Chow 10:24

You know, we're doing it right now, by the way. Whenever we are making some sort of a voice call using the internet, that means we're engaging in VoIP. What's that?

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M Mara Livezey 10:34
Voice over Internet,

D Dave Chow 10:36
Internet Protocol.

M Matt Mio 10:38
Voice over Internet Protocol, you got it - VoIP. It's pretty interesting - when you think back to getting the new phones on campus, how they were all internet based instead of phone line based - and then right after that, the pandemic comes. It's actually kind of freaky, when you think about it. Okay, we basically say stuff like this all the time. I bet we say this acronym at least once a week, if not more. What does HDMI stand for?

M Mara Livezey 11:05
High -

B Beth Oljar 11:07
High Definition magnetic imaging?

D Dave Chow 11:12
Interface?

M Mara Livezey 11:14
I like magnetic, (laughs).

M Matt Mio 11:16
So I've got High Definition M-word Interface. And once we get that, we're good to go. I'll give you a hint though. Remember that both audio and video can go through HDMI.

D Dave Chow 11:27

Media?

D Dave Chow 11:27
So it's

D Dave Chow 11:29
Medium?

M Matt Mio 11:30
It's how many media?

B Beth Oljar 11:32
Multimedia?

M Matt Mio 11:34
It's multimedia. Yes.

D Dave Chow 11:36
Oh!

M Matt Mio 11:36
High definition multimedia interface.

D Dave Chow 11:39
Gotcha.

M Matt Mio 11:42
We can go a little old school. I would hardly call this one modern, but do you remember what CPU stands for?

—

B Beth Oljar 11:47
Central processing unit?

D Dave Chow 11:49
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 11:50
Mm-hm.

D Dave Chow 11:50
I always thought that was a school up north, that's all. So - Oh no that's CMU. Okay, my bad.
Okay, my bad.

B Beth Oljar 11:55
The thing in Terminator that she crushes in the Industrial Press right at the end - (laughs) - at the end of the movie. When a little red light eye goes out.

M Matt Mio 12:05
Yep, exactly. This is great. This is definitely modern - as in basically less than five years in terms of consumer electronics. SSD. What's an SSD?

B Beth Oljar 12:16
Is it signal strength, something you know,

M Matt Mio 12:21
it's gonna be in your tablet or in your laptop by now.

M Mara Livezey 12:26
So like a card, some type of chip?

M Matt Mio 12:28

Getting close.

B Beth Oljar 12:31
Solid State Drive,

M Mara Livezey 12:33
Nice

M Matt Mio 12:33
Solid State Drive. Yes, exactly. We no longer have spinning hard drives, right?

B Beth Oljar 12:39
When you said it's in your laptop. I'm like, "Ah, good clue."

D Dave Chow 12:44
Moving things.

M Matt Mio 12:46
I actually remember being in grad school. And they said, you know, "we're gonna have a hard drive", they still called it back then, "the size of a quarter and it's just gonna basically be two or three more powers of 10". And that's basically where we are now. If you ever have the luxury of cracking your laptop or tablet open. How about how about USB?

M Mara Livezey 13:09
Universal?

D Dave Chow 13:11
Service Bus?

M Matt Mio 13:13
Serial Bus.

D Dave Chow 13:14
Serial bus. Okay.

M Matt Mio 13:14
Serial bus. I have to lay this one out there, because I dropped it on my students this morning, and I got a pretty good rise out of them. I think that my 13-year old is pretty much fed up with the dad jokes, and I don't come at him that much. But he's mister eye roll and, you know, disaffected teenager and all that. But he now is coming at me with, like, one liners that are very well timed. And he's - it's almost like he's honing his comedy skills.

D Dave Chow 13:43
His inner Henny Youngman or Rodney Dangerfield on you right about now?

M Matt Mio 13:46
Basically. So the first time I see him yesterday, he knows I'm gonna say "Hey, how was your day?" or whatever, but he jumps on it. And he goes, "Hey, Dad, if the USA is so great, why do we have USB?" And that was his opening line, (laughs).

D Dave Chow 14:03
Oh my -

M Matt Mio 14:04
And I was like - Yeah, I like that one.

D Dave Chow 14:08
You guys gave birth like Phil Silvers here. I mean -

M Matt Mio 14:11
I know. I'm sure that he found it online, but it still was really funny.

D Dave Chow 14:15
Well the fact that he... and the... and the... and the...

Well, the fact that he remembered it's pretty good.

M Matt Mio 14:18
What is ROM? What's R-O-M?

S Stephen Manning 14:22
Random access memory?

S Stephen Manning 14:24
That is RAM. So partial credit.

B Beth Oljar 14:28
So, Random operating memory?

M Matt Mio 14:30
No. You can only do one thing to this memory.

D Dave Chow 14:36
Read?

M Matt Mio 14:37
It's Read Only Memory.

B Beth Oljar 14:39
Oh, that's right. Read only.

D Dave Chow 14:41
Read only. Okay. I was gonna say - Royal Oak memory? Oh.

M Matt Mio 14:46

And, you know, we have a couple of questions left here. But this one, I'm going to need to - I mean, I am sitting down, but I'm going to need to sit down to deliver it. Put yourself in the mindset of an 18 or a 19 year old, like, "I'm putting trivia questions together. I wonder if they'll get this one. What does www stand for?"

B Beth Oljar 15:04
World Wide Web.

M Matt Mio 15:07
I just think it's funny, because maybe if you're 18 you don't know what that means.

S Stephen Manning 15:11
World War something.

B Beth Oljar 15:12
It's the interwebs

M Mara Livezey 15:14
(Laughs) Yeah.

M Matt Mio 15:15
World War We. That's what it stands for.

D Dave Chow 15:20
It's a singing wire.

B Beth Oljar 15:21
It was a Brad Pitt movie. Come on.

M Matt Mio 15:24
Exactly. One more swift kick in the head. What year was the very first consumer Apple Computer released?

Computer released?

B Beth Oljar 15:34
80-something.

D Dave Chow 15:36
I was in school.

M Matt Mio 15:37
Hmm.

D Dave Chow 15:38
So 85? 86?

M Matt Mio 15:40
It's not what it says here. It says it's a little bit earlier.

B Beth Oljar 15:43
79

M Mara Livezey 15:44
75

M Matt Mio 15:46
It says 76 Here, Mara said 75. They say 76 here, so -

D Dave Chow 15:50
Really? Okay.

M Mara Livezey 15:51

Okay.

M Matt Mio 15:51
Interesting.

D Dave Chow 15:52
That was probably when it was a small fortune, and we probably never saw it. That's all, so -

M Matt Mio 15:56
That's right. Very, very well done. We love the set of questions. Thanks for sending those in.

D Dave Chow 16:02
Thank you, Ben.

M Michael Jayson 16:04
You're listening to Ask The Professor from University of Detroit Mercy. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Now, let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.

M Matt Mio 16:23
We've got another set of questions. I see Professor Oljar's Intro To Philosophy class mentioned. "Here are my 10 questions. The theme is Detroit Mercy trivia that I found" sent in by Louis Clinger.

B Beth Oljar 16:36
Louis!

M Matt Mio 16:37
Thanks, Louis. I've never seen this one before. I don't know if I would even be able to guess. But we're gonna mention Kendra for the first time. I mean, in a week, even though we haven't seen her in two years.

M Matt Mio 16:50
(Laughs) What does she look like again?

M Matt Mio 16:54
"Approximately how tall in feet is the Clock Tower?" and he's letting me give you plus or minus 10.

D Dave Chow 17:02
Forty-seven feet, three inches.

M Mara Livezey 17:06
Wow. I was gonna guess something so different. I was gonna guess like 200.

S Stephen Manning 17:11
160

M Matt Mio 17:14
and we'll let Beth have one, and then we'll crown a winner

B Beth Oljar 17:18
150

M Matt Mio 17:20
Okay, so it goes to Stephen. 175.

M Mara Livezey 17:23
Yay.

M Matt Mio 17:24
Closest without going over. 175, Yep.

D Dave Chow 17:27
I don't know. Maybe I've never walked up that close to it. Yeah, I've always kind of drive up. It's tall. Hang a left.

S Stephen Manning 17:34
It'll be less if it continues to crumble from the inside.

S Stephen Manning 17:38
Also true. Also true. Yeah.

S Stephen Manning 17:40
That picture they show the of the of the bricks in the inside crumbling? Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 17:45
The falcons are going to be pissed.

S Stephen Manning 17:48
I have a - I have a funny story about that. When I first got here, the first winter I'm here. I drive to campus - early in the morning. I parked. I see smoke pouring out of the top of this. So I rushed to my office and I call Public Safety, and I say "you know, I don't know if anybody's noticed this, but the tower is on fire". Of course, I did not know that the whole campus heating system is below and all those tubes come from it. And when I said this, there was silence and I said, "Is anyone there? Did you hear me? The tower is on fire!"

M Matt Mio 18:20
(Laughs)

S Stephen Manning 18:22
So I'm sure that someone over there, some commander or something put a checkmark by - "Your name again is what? Dr. who?" And they put a check mark by my name. Don't take any call from this number.



D Dave Chow 18:32
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio 18:33
That is a great story, Stephen. Although given

B Beth Oljar 18:36
Although given my research, to drive on campus and see that would have actually been quite disturbing. No, smoke coming out of towers. No, no, no, no. Right? (Laughs)

D Dave Chow 18:48
Where do I pour the gasoline?

M Matt Mio 18:50
Father Herm's 100-year history book, that maybe you've seen, for the centennial of University of Detroit, described it at the point of the centennial, so 1977. Not too long ago, it was still - from its construction to 1977 - at least - North America's tallest, enclosed smokestack. It actually is a smokestack that leads to the boiler that they built the clock tower around, which is really, really interesting. Yeah. What is the name - I'm going to hold the joke back till we get this right - Do you know the name of the credit union that we have on campus?

M Mara Livezey 18:56
Alliance?

M Mara Livezey 19:30
Its Alliance. I was going to add the little spice of the poor, poor poor credit union that kicked off its entire - I mean, it was March 11, 2020 when they opened. And one day later, a global tragedy began. I feel so bad every time I walk by. It's really - it's really kind of sad.

B Beth Oljar 19:51
I'm pretty sure they didn't cause it, but I know that's - (laughs)

D Dave Chow 19:56
They were the victim of it

they were the victim of it.

M Matt Mio 19:58
How many acres is the McNichols campus? Great question.

M Mara Livezey 20:05
Five,

D Dave Chow 20:06
no

S Stephen Manning 20:07
13

D Dave Chow 20:09
28

B Beth Oljar 20:11
The McNichols campus?

M Matt Mio 20:13
Just the McNichols campus.

D Dave Chow 20:17
I don't know.

B Beth Oljar 20:17
Is it even an acre?

D Dave Chow 20:18

Yes.

M Matt Mio 20:19
Yes it is.

B Beth Oljar 20:21
I mean -

M Matt Mio 20:22
You'll be - You will be very surprised when you hear this number. That's mostly because we don't use acres much anymore.

D Dave Chow 20:28
Yeah. How many hectares are we going, Matt? I mean, jeez.

M Matt Mio 20:34
Beth still gets a guess though.

D Dave Chow 20:36
Come on, Beth.

B Beth Oljar 20:37
Three.

M Matt Mio 20:39
You know what?

D Dave Chow 20:40
Wha - what, what?

M Matt Mio 20:41
It's 75 acres. McNichols campus is 75 acres.

M Mara Livezey 20:45
What?!

D Dave Chow 20:47
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 20:48
The only way that I can approximate this is thinking of my mom and dad's property up in Port Huron, they have this frontage. It's basically an acre and a half, and then 44 hidden acres of forest behind it. And I'm like, Wow, 44 feels big.

B Beth Oljar 21:02
Okay, well, wait a second, there's a difference between the land owned by the University and the amount of land that the McNichols campus actually sits on, right. I mean, the University of Washington owns half of downtown Seattle. But -

M Matt Mio 21:19
Oh, that's true.

M Matt Mio 21:21
But the actual campus, which is pretty big, right - the actual campus is not equivalent to the same amount of acreage.

M Matt Mio 21:29
Sure.

B Beth Oljar 21:30
Okay. 75, that - Well, I'm suspicious, but I'll buy it.

D Dave Chow 21:36
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio 21:36
You're skeptical. It could possibly be - now that I think about it, it could possibly be the total acreage of all -

B Beth Oljar 21:44
That would make more sense.

M Matt Mio 21:46
of our current campuses. What's kind of weird about that is - if you think about Law, it really is just like one building. So, it's not even -

B Beth Oljar 21:53
Exactly, right. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 21:55
And- but then how big is the Novi campus?

M Matt Mio 21:58
That's a really good question.

D Dave Chow 22:00
Oh, oops, maybe I shouldn't ask that.

M Matt Mio 22:01
Next trivia set - Trivia of the Novi campus.

D Dave Chow 22:04
(Laughs)

(Laughs)

- B** Beth Oljar 22:04
But there's no way if you walk from the entrance on McNichols all the way down to the end of campus - the McNichols campus - that that's 75 acres. That can't be.
- M** Mara Livezey 22:16
it seems too small.
- M** Matt Mio 22:18
We'll have to send our crack team to it.
- B** Beth Oljar 22:20
We need Mythbuster here.
- M** Matt Mio 22:22
Yep, exactly. What year was it that old U of D was founded?
- B** Beth Oljar 22:29
1877.
- M** Matt Mio 22:31
1877. And it - just for old times sake, do you remember what year it was when Father McNichols built the McNichols campus?
- B** Beth Oljar 22:42
19- Jeez, there's a big mural in Briggs.
- M** Mara Livezey 22:47
1826?

M Matt Mio 22:48
I believe it might be right behind me in the answer.

D Dave Chow 22:51
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio 22:55
We're coming up on the 100th anniversary of the big move, which is kind of a big deal. They existed for a few years, obviously downtown - about 60 years. And then they brought things back up here. I don't see it here, but I know that it's one of my favorite pieces of University trivia. They bought the Gorky Farm, they bought the farm from the Gorky family and that's what they built the campus on. Yep.

D Dave Chow 23:18
You folks heard a couple weeks back that Detroit's getting HBC now, right.

M Matt Mio 23:24
I heard through the grapevine Yeah.

D Dave Chow 23:25
Yeah. Uh huh. It's on our campus now.

M Matt Mio 23:28
Interesting.

D Dave Chow 23:29
Yeah, it'll be specifically toward making athletic shoes.

M Matt Mio 23:33
Hmm.



D Dave Chow 23:34
because I mean, you will not believe how many of your shoes are actually made by CCS graduates. You know, I always used to call it - you know - Gym Shoe U actually, so I mean, we have kids on you know, Converse, Nike, Reebok, ASICS. You name it, we've designed them, so -

M Matt Mio 23:51
That's pretty cool.

M Mara Livezey 23:52
Awesome.

D Dave Chow 23:53
It's interesting.

M Matt Mio 23:55
How many Division 1, NCAA sports teams are at Detroit Mercy?

B Beth Oljar 24:00
That's a good question.

D Dave Chow 24:01
Ooh, we've had this one before. I think it's -

S Stephen Manning 24:04
16

M Matt Mio 24:06
I'm giving it to you, Stephen. It's 17. That's pretty solid. If you're paying attention to the website, we have one more women's team than we do men's

M Mara Livezey 24:17

Nice.

B Beth Oljar 24:18
Well Title IX works.

M Matt Mio 24:22
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 24:22
Because women are wanting it enforced. You know, it's a world gone mad.

M Matt Mio 24:27
Yes, it is. Last, but most certainly not least, before we wrap things up here. Approximately how many students - both full and part time - attend Detroit Mercy, graduate and undergraduate?

B Beth Oljar 24:42
5380

M Matt Mio 24:45
Oh my gosh, that's so precise.

B Beth Oljar 24:48
But - wrong.

M Mara Livezey 24:49
Yeah, I was gonna say about 5000

D Dave Chow 24:52
I was gonna say 4700.



- M** Matt Mio 24:54
Mara said about 5000. I'm giving it to you. We literally are about 13 shy of 5000. For the 21 - 22 academic year, yeah, so there you go.
- S** Stephen Manning 25:04
That's full and part time?
- B** Beth Oljar 25:05
Grad and undergrad?
- M** Matt Mio 25:07
Yep. Very well done. professors. I think you know what time it is. We have the list of Imponderables. Name a favorite professional athlete from your youth.
- S** Stephen Manning 25:22
Good. So, I don't have to pick Aaron Rodgers then, huh?
- M** Matt Mio 25:24
(Laughs)
- S** Stephen Manning 25:27
Paul Horning.
- M** Matt Mio 25:28
Oh sure, sure.
- B** Beth Oljar 25:30
Nadia Comaneci.
- S** Stephen Manning 25:32
An inspiration.

D Dave Chow 25:34
Lanny McDonald.

M Matt Mio 25:36
I mean, I knew it was gonna be hockey. It was just a matter of what direction it was coming from.

D Dave Chow 25:40
Okay, Matt, you're gonna laugh. He used to play in the same hockey rink I grew up in. Okay.

M Matt Mio 25:44
Really?

D Dave Chow 25:46
And before he got drafted, he actually gave my dad one of his sticks.

M Matt Mio 25:50
Ooh.

D Dave Chow 25:51
And it's still in the basement. As far as I know, it's in the rafters of my old house.

M Matt Mio 25:55
Uh, Dave, Who'd he get drafted by?

D Dave Chow 25:58
Um, I think it was, uh, Toronto. Yeah Toronto. Yep.

M Matt Mio 26:01

It's a big deal.

B Beth Oljar 26:02
Go see if you can find it, and make some money and pay for your garage.

D Dave Chow 26:06
You ready for this? He's also in charge of the Hockey Hall of Fame now.

M Matt Mio 26:10
Really?

B Beth Oljar 26:10
Well, then it probably would be worth money.

M Matt Mio 26:12
Mara.

M Mara Livezey 26:15
Athletics is like not really my sphere of interest. So I I was thinking - probably I'd have to say Michelle Kwan.

M Matt Mio 26:24
Oh, sure.

D Dave Chow 26:24
Okay. Alright.

M Matt Mio 26:25
That makes a lot of sense. Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 26:27
Chris Evert. She was big when I was learning how to play tennis actually. So no doubt that's why I remember her.

M Matt Mio 26:36
So you're not gonna believe this - before I do my Imponderable. But we just heard from our version of the voice of God. Detroit Mercy's McNichols campus has a total of 24 individual buildings sitting on 74.75 acres of land. That is straight off of Wikipedia. So it's got to be true.

S Stephen Manning 26:59
That's just my McNichols?

M Matt Mio 27:01
Just McNichols. Yep.

D Dave Chow 27:03
I mean, an acre is not as big as we think it is. You know, I mean,

B Beth Oljar 27:08
Well, I've been on a big - The University of Washington is a big campus, right? At UDM you can get from anywhere to anywhere in five minutes. Which -

M Matt Mio 27:19
No, it's true.

B Beth Oljar 27:19
which you cannot do at UW. I guarantee it. Right. So there's no way - I just - I'm sorry, I'm just too skeptical.

S Stephen Manning 27:30
I'm just trying to picture it. Is it 20 by 20? What's an acre?

M Matt Mio 27:35
Oh, you're giving it like a metric flare, Stephen. Like it's, it's weird. I have no idea what an acre is. But it's like -

D Dave Chow 27:42
Yeah.

M Mara Livezey 27:42
It's 208.71 by 208.71 feet.

B Beth Oljar 27:48
Okay.

D Dave Chow 27:49
So it's not too huge.


B Beth Oljar 27:50
Actually, that makes me less skeptical.


M Matt Mio 27:53
I am not joking. I just Googled it, and it said the traditional definition of an acre is a chain by a furlong. That is what it says. And boy does this country need metric! Kill me now. That's all I got to say. And you know what? The time has come to say goodbye, Beth.


B Beth Oljar 28:13
Goodbye,

M Matt Mio 28:15
Stephen.


S Stephen Manning 28:16


 Stephen Manning 28:16
Goodbye


 Matt Mio 28:17
Mara.

 Mara Livezey 28:18
See ya later

 Matt Mio 28:19
and Dave.

 Matt Mio 28:20
See ya.

 Matt Mio 28:21
Now these words,

 Michael Jayson 28:22
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 Matt Mio 28:32
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