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- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:01
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with 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. Regaining supremacy in the upper left of the Zoom screen, it's professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 00:20
Oh, pleasure to be here, as always.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:22
(Laughs) What's going on Dave? How's the siding?
- D** Dave Chow 00:27
It's done.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:28
Yay!
- D** Dave Chow 00:29
I wrote the last check today for the home improvements, so I will be requesting donations of any non-vital organs that you might want to donate for the cause.

any non vital organs that you might want to donate for the cause.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:38
Nice.

D Dave Chow 00:39
Anything? Anything? Come on.

B Beth Oljar 00:41
I'll sell a kidney for you. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 00:43
Any non vital organ? I'll take it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:45
Is there more to do on the inside, Dave?

D Dave Chow 00:47
Just some painting, touch up and stuff like that. That's all.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:51
Nice.

D Dave Chow 00:52
It's there. It'll be strange.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:55
And just before the weather gets cool, I think you slipped it right under the door.

D Dave Chow 01:00

I think we snuck it through, and we'll see what happens.

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:04

Excellent. Excellent. Next on the list here going around the horn is Professor Dan Maggio. You know, for those of our listeners that remember us talking about Katie Heitchue I think it's cool that you're going out to dinner with her. Be sure to say hi to her for me.

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Dan Maggio 01:19

You heard me. I wasn't sure. But we are. Yes. We're meeting up for dinner this evening. So I will let her know.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:28

So the story on Katie Heitchue that I'm pretty sure that Dan and maybe others will remember is that she was actually sort of the the background secretary at the high school that I went to. But she has this absolutely fantastic sense of humor. Absolutely fantastic. And basically, where we were always getting in trouble working on the student newspaper in the back for doing crazy things and saying crazy things - Catholic high school - she would be the adult in the background snickering, right? Because she knew that what we were doing was really funny and everybody else had to be the disciplinarian. So I go away, you know, go to undergrad, go to grad school, you know, get my job here at the University. And I'm walking into the Engineering Building and I'm like, "Mrs. Heitchue, You work here?" She's like, "Yeah, I work here now, Matt". I'm like, "Oh, this is gonna be a lot of fun".

D

Dan Maggio 02:21

I'm not sure that I ever knew that. Or I may have and I forget.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:27

It's okay, Dan. Those brains cells - There's a lot to bring back.

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Dan Maggio 02:31

It's a small world

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:32

It is a small world. It is. But yeah, so we used to make her laugh all the time. And it's cool you're going to, you know, an awesome restaurant near where we all live here, Kruse and Muer's; and that's always got good food.

D Dave Chow 02:44

Fish tacos.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:46

What are you look forward to, the perch?

D Dan Maggio 02:49

Now they have this Traverse City salmon plate.

D Dan Maggio 02:52

That's pretty good. Last time I was there. I got their, like, Jamaican jerk pizza. It wasn't bad. No, it was a barbecue Jamaican jerk pizza or something like that. It was not bad. I certainly cannot eat the whole thing. So -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:52

Ah, yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:09

Go for the bread. Anything on that awesome bread that they have is usually pretty good. So -

D Dan Maggio 03:15

So thank you.

D Dan Maggio 03:17

Continuing around the horn, Professor Beth Oljar is here from the Department of Philosophy. What's going on, Beth?

B Beth Oljar 03:23

I'm doing battle with Microsoft Teams, which I absolutely hate because it always loads and opens on my - I mean, I've closed the window on this thing at least six times, and the stupid "loading Microsoft Teams" is still in front of your face. I can't - your man. I can't get it to close

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D Dan Maggio 03:44
If you read this fine print, it says you have to do it seven times.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47
(Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 03:48
Oh. I've done it at least seven - I'm not kidding. I'm clicking on it. Close window. It's not doing it. And on my laptop, it always opens before I can -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:59
Yep

B Beth Oljar 04:00
It just drives me nuts, and now it's really driving me nuts that I've got this stupid Microsoft Team's logo thing right in the middle of my Ask the Professor screen.

D Dave Chow 04:11
We never looked better.

B Beth Oljar 04:13
It's making me grumpy.

D Dave Chow 04:14
Grumpier.

B Beth Oljar 04:15
I'm covered in grumpy dust!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:19
There's something about operating systems that have - the old days, where you couldn't delete Internet Explorer from the hard drive - right? Because it was part of everything that Windows was doing. So yeah -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:24
I at least got it out of the way. It's not covering your sweet face now, Matt.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:33
Oh. Excellent.

D Dan Maggio 04:34
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:36
It's funny you say that, because every time I turn off my camera when I'm teaching online, I always say "Let me turn off my face", and no one ever laughs. But no one ever does at anything else either. Continuing around the circle, Professor Heather Hill is here from the Department of English.

H Heather Hill 04:53
Hello, everybody.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:54
Heather, new environs?

H Heather Hill 04:56
I just got into beautiful downtown Adrian, Michigan, so I am in a hotel room. And Olivia is finishing up her school day. So she will be along shortly, I assume.

D Dave Chow 05:10
Is she going to join you on screen?

H Heather Hill 05:12
I don't know. I don't know. We'll see what kind of mood she's in. So -

B Beth Oljar 05:16
That'd be cool.

H Heather Hill 05:17
I may have to step off early. I don't know - Did I miss the picture?

D Dave Chow 05:22
I can plug you in later. Don't worry about it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:24
Don't worry about it. We can always -

H Heather Hill 05:26
Because, you know, I really love having my picture taken.

D Dave Chow 05:28
Of course. I - you know, if you want I can take one now and no one will know.

H Heather Hill 05:31
No. It's okay.

D Dave Chow 05:32
You sure?

H Heather Hill 05:33
Yeah.

H Heather Hill 05:33
Or, if you want, I can replace you with somebody else like I do with Jeffe every week.

H Heather Hill 05:37
Um, I don't - It's up to you.

D Dave Chow 05:40
Okay, Charlize Theron it is.

H Heather Hill 05:41
I will give you - (laughs) I will give you artistic license.

D Dave Chow 05:46
(Laughing) Ohhh, don't do that now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:47
Oh, my gosh.

B Beth Oljar 05:48
That sounds bad. That could go bad.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:52
So you're in beautiful Adrian, on the cusp of the end of summer, the beginning of fall. It must be pretty nice there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:00
Um - yeah, it's a little cloudy. But yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:05

Cool.

H

Heather Hill 06:06

We - Apparently my daughter has plans for us for the weekend, so -

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:09

Nice.

B

Beth Oljar 06:10

Tell her I said "hi".

H

Heather Hill 06:11

I will indeed. Maybe she'll pop in and say hi.

D

Dave Chow 06:14

She'd better pop in.

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:17

And we are being graced this week with a guest panelist. We're very honored to have Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Megan Conrad joining us this week. Thanks a lot for coming, Megan.

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Megan Conrad 06:27

Yeah, thanks for inviting me. Do engineers do okay on this show?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:32

(Laughs) We're gonna find out. There's only one way to know, and that's to -

M

Megan Conrad 06:36

Yeah. I feel the reputation of engineers' weight on my shoulders right now.

D Dave Chow 06:42
Did anybody tell you that none of our degrees actually matter on this show?

M Megan Conrad 06:45
That's good. (Laughs)

M Megan Conrad 06:47
Good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:47
Depends on what degrees we're talking about here. No, we're really glad to have you, Megan. Honestly, it occurred to me when I was sending the update email on Monday, I was like, "Wow, I actually can't remember the last we had someone with an engineering background on the show". So it's good for variety.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:47
And that's a good thing. Trust me.

D Dave Chow 06:49
Matt, who has been the last engineer on our show?

D Dave Chow 06:50
I mean, we did have Leo Hannifin on at one time, our three times ago dean in the College. Technically, he was a mechanical engineer. I'm running down the list in my head. I can't remember. And we should - There are some people that would be great. You know, that's one of the other things. No offense, Megan. You come, you're welcome back on any Friday. It's basically the same Zoom link every time. And the bottom line is - talk it up. If you've got some new faculty you think would have some fun, you know, let us know and - Oh, hey, there's Olivia.

B Beth Oljar 07:43
Darrell Kleinke would be fun.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:44

Darrell would be fun. Yeah

B Beth Oljar 07:46

He's a good guy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:47

I feel like Shuvra knows a few jokes, too. Like that would be a pretty big cut up. And if we get him and Prasad on the same show, that would be the end of the world right there

D Dave Chow 07:56

Hey, are we gonna finally do our our favorite Prasad episode then?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:01

What's that?

D Dave Chow 08:02

Our favorite Prasad.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:06

(Laughs) I guess we're gonna have to wait to do that at another time.

D Dave Chow 08:08

All right. I was gonna start nominating candidates for that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:13

Oh, my gosh. Well, here we are, folks. This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump our panel, you win a prize. And the best news is if you don't stop the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways - emailing us at ATP@udmercy.edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to invade your privacy and play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Okay, we've got a nice stack of questions, just finishing them up from last year, thanks to the good graces of Professor Jason Roche our executive producer and of course, Professor Oljar for asking your students to send questions in last year. And there's some pretty

interesting subsets. Megan, we had the students come up with a theme for 10 questions. So pretend like it's like a Jeopardy category and try to take it from there. So "Hello, professors. My name is Josh Hoenscheid. I'm a student in Professor Oljar's Intro To Philosophy. I have ten trivia questions, a mixture of history, geography and sports to use on ATP. Good luck". So let's see we can do with Josh's questions here. Ooh, this will be really interesting, especially when Monday rolls around because I haven't heard anything yet. Which United States president has lived the longest?

D Dave Chow 09:40
Jimmy Carter.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:41
Yeah, it's Carter. I was just wondering whether Carter would be at the Queen's funeral on Monday. I don't know if he travels well or not, so -

D Dave Chow 09:49
Mm, he can Zoom it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:54
(Laughs) Which was the 26th state admitted to the Union?

B Beth Oljar 09:58
Ooh. 26th? Can we get a general-part-of the-country type hint?

H Heather Hill 10:08
Florida?

D Dan Maggio 10:09
Kansas?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:10
close by? (Laughs)

D Dan Maggio 10:12
Ohio?

B Beth Oljar 10:13
Illinois?

D Dave Chow 10:14
Indiana

H Heather Hill 10:15
Pennsylvania.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:16
It's Michigan.

D Dan Maggio 10:19
Oh, no kidding.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:20
I always think that's funny, because I would hardly call where we are - Remember the Northwest Territory. Lewis Cass was only 19 years old when he became governor. Weird. But the things you learn when your wife is a historian. But technically we're part of the fabulous second half of the 50 states.

D Dave Chow 10:39
We're the encore.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:40
Technically. In what year did the Battle of Gettysburg take place? We're gonna have to figure this out without Jim Tubbs. It's gonna be tough.

B Beth Oljar 10:51
1863 or 1864

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:53
1863 is what it says. 1863. Very good. What are the four states that border the great state of New Mexico?

D Dan Maggio 11:03
Arizona, Texas -

B Beth Oljar 11:05
Nevada, Colorado,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:07
Arizona, Texas, Colorado, but you're missing one.

D Dave Chow 11:11
California?

B Beth Oljar 11:12
New Mexico. Wait, what state - are we figuring - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:15
We're talking about New Mexico.

B Beth Oljar 11:17
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:19
We have Colorado, Arizona and Texas. But we're missing -

M Megan Conrad 11:25
Utah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:27
No, It says here "Oklahoma".

D Dan Maggio 11:29
Oklahoma

H Heather Hill 11:30
Oklahoma.

B Beth Oljar 11:30
Oh, right. Because it has that weird shape.


D Dave Chow 11:34
Panhandle.


B Beth Oljar 11:35
Right. Right.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:36
Exactly. Which is the third largest state - third largest in the United States -


D Dan Maggio 11:43
In terms of land area?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
In terms of mileage - square mileage,


 Heather Hill 11:48
Pennsylvania


 Dave Chow 11:50
California.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:52
Actually, it says California.


 Beth Oljar 11:54
Okay, that makes sense.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:54
Isn't that wild. Um, I would go to Dan here. We play these games, but you're also really good at math. Right. Megan? You know, how many square miles are we talking here? Can we just guess off the top of your head?

 Dan Maggio 12:08
How much - What's the drive time from top to bottom in California?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:12
Ooh, that's a good way to -

 Beth Oljar 12:13
A long time.

 Dave Chow 12:14
Yeah, mind you - If you're going through L.A., it can be 28 hours.



D Dan Maggio 12:18
Yeah, like -

D Dave Chow 12:19
Just in LA

D Dan Maggio 12:20
Yeah, like 20 hours. It's 1200 miles. Eight to 10.

H Heather Hill 12:27
Yeah, Olivia says eight to 10.

D Dan Maggio 12:28
So it's ten - 600 miles.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:33
This is interesting.

B Beth Oljar 12:34
We have no idea - actually

D Dan Maggio 12:37
I guess 1000 miles by 500 wide

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:42
So, what's your square mileage then?

D Dave Chow 12:45
So - half million?

D Dan Maggio 12:47
So what's 1000 times 500?

D Dave Chow 12:49
I don't have enough fingers and toes. Dan. I mean, come on.

D Dan Maggio 12:53
500,000 miles? Square miles?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:55
I mean, you overestimated by a little bit, but you're at the right order of magnitude, which is a great thing for a mathematician. 163,000 square miles.

D Dan Maggio 13:05
Oh, that's - I was way off. Sorry. I blame Olivia's bad estimation. (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 13:13
We need Kendra here. That's all.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:15
This is so interesting. Based on the way this question is phrased, I'm gonna do a friendly amendment. In which state of the United States does the Mississippi River end in the north? I'm gonna go - for most of the first peoples, they say but this is where the Mississippi River starts.

M Megan Conrad 13:32
Minnesota.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:34
Yeah. It's Minnesota. I actually went to Bemidji, where it is literally - not a joke - less than half a foot wide. And there's this crappy little sign there that says "Starting here, and then going blah, blah, blah, miles all the way to the Gulf of Mexico begins the Mississippi River". Interesting

thing, how that was a serving thing that the president at the time asked some explorers to take care of. What date is Albert Einstein's birthday? "Hint", Josh says, "it's also MY birthdate". (The professor laugh)

D Dave Chow 14:11
One out of 365. Anybody wants to stab?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:15
Everybody go for one guess, and we'll see who gets the closest

B Beth Oljar 14:18
and actually I have looked at his resume before, so I probably should know his birthday, but -

H Heather Hill 14:24
Josh's resume?

D Dave Chow 14:26
Or Einstein's?

B Beth Oljar 14:27
Josh? No Josh's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:30
Albert Einstein.

D Dan Maggio 14:32
It's not July 4, is it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:34
No.

H Heather Hill 14:35
February 19.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:36
It's uh - I guess this one goes to Heather. Heather, you had a run a couple of years ago of like, just random guesses that we're pretty close. It's March 14. It's March 14.

D Dave Chow 14:45
Of course. We were just gonna go there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:48
Yes.

D Dan Maggio 14:49
Oh, that's right. Because it's Pi. Oh, that's right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:52
Oh, 314

D Dan Maggio 14:53
Yeah - I knew there was something weird about his birthday. Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:58
That's cool.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:00
There you go. What was the last year the Detroit Tigers reached the playoffs?

D Dan Maggio 15:06
Never?

D Dave Chow 15:07
No, no, no, no, no. They were just there. Was it Kenny Rogers 2007?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:14
Oh, it's a little bit closer to where we are today than that.

M Megan Conrad 15:18
2012?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:20
I'm giving it to Megan, because it's 2014. It was the infamous Red Sox series?

M Megan Conrad 15:27
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 15:27
Oh, Okay, gotcha. I'm sorry. I'm thinking the last time we were in the World Series.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:33
Oh, that is true. I understand why you would think that.

D Dave Chow 15:36
Because I remember I froze my butt off for that game. And that was also probably my greatest teaching prowess ever. I don't know if I've ever told you folks that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:46
What's that?

D Dave Chow 15:47

They had individual tickets going on sale on a Wednesday morning. And I was teaching class on a Wednesday morning, but I was in a computer lab. So I had all 18 computers set to tigers.com, and I told any student that logs me in gets bonus points for that day. (Matt laughs) So, one student got in. I rushed over there with my credit card, got my two tickets, and I was happy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:10
Very cool.

D Dave Chow 16:11
I employed my minions.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:13
What Major League - This is the last question from Josh. These were great, Josh, because we like it when it's a little mix of everything. Which team won the very first Major League Baseball sponsored World Series in 1903?

H Heather Hill 16:28
Yankees?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:30
No.

B Beth Oljar 16:32
The Red Sox?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:33
It was the Red Sox.

B Beth Oljar 16:34
Really?

D Dave Chow 16:36

D Dave Chow 16:30

I was gonna say, the Cromagnons, or somebody like that.

D Dave Chow 16:39

That's right. (Laughing) The Cromagnons. Thanks for sending those in. That was pretty cool actually. We've got another set of questions here. I think that you're all going to catch on pretty fast - the more that I bring these questions up. "Dear professors: Here's a list of 10 questions that you might call trick questions". These were sent in by Abdul Obeid, who was actually in some of my classes last year. "How can a person go 25 days without sleep?"

D Dave Chow 17:13

Attend art school.

D Dan Maggio 17:14

Because he sleeps at night.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:16

They sleep at night. Okay, Dan catches on very well.

O Olivia Vasquez 17:20

I like the art school answer.

B Beth Oljar 17:22

Me too. Or grad school, you know.

D Dan Maggio 17:25

Or an Architecture major. Is that the other one?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:28

Nice.

B Beth Oljar 17:29

Yeah.

D Dave Chow 17:29
Or - just hang out with Olivia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:32
Mm-hm. Oh - there she is - in the frame. Professors. How do you make the number one disappear?

B Beth Oljar 17:40
Erase it?

B Beth Oljar 17:41
It's not what it says here.

M Megan Conrad 17:43
Subtract one?

B Beth Oljar 17:44
Yeah, that was where I was going next.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:47
Nice. I'm going for my standard retort, "Partial credit" on that one. (The professors laugh) No, it says "Why not just add the letter G, and then it will be gone".

M Megan Conrad 18:00
Ohh.

B Beth Oljar 18:04
I don't get it.

D Dan Maggio 18:05
Spell it out.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:08
G-O-N-E. Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:08
Oh.

D Dave Chow 18:10
Yeah. And Beth, I went O - NEG, so -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:12
(The professors laugh) I'm sorry. That was really funny. Oh my gosh. Can you name a kind of key that won't open a door.

B Beth Oljar 18:22
Something that unlocks a trunk

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:25
I was gonna say a donkey.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:27
I like your pragmatic attitude, Beth. But a monkey and a donkey were also acceptable answers

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:32
Okay. Or a flunky

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:36
Exactlv. exactlv. At the end of everv sinale rainbow that ever has existed is what?

B Beth Oljar 18:45
A leprechaun.

D Dave Chow 18:46
The letter W?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:47
The letter W. Yeah, the letter W. It's pretty sad. Pretty sad stuff. Oh, my, I don't even know what to do with these questions. Imagine you're in a room that's filling up with water quickly. There are no windows and no doors. How are you going to get out?

D Dave Chow 19:07
Drink my way out of it. (laughs) I don't know. Wait a minute. This is an engineering question. Come on. (Matt laughs)

H Heather Hill 19:14
Through the ceiling

M Megan Conrad 19:14
Is there a roof? Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:17
Exactly. Start thinking - yYu all are just so practical in your thinking. And what Abdul has left us with here is "Stop imagining that thing that you're imagining."

D Dave Chow 19:29
Imagination. Oh gee, what a wicked tool

B Beth Oljar 19:32
I like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:33
I don't even know what to do about that one.

B Beth Oljar 19:35
I like "drink your way out of it" too though. That's pretty cool. Not possible, but -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:41
Your bladder's gonna hurt like the dickens.

B Beth Oljar 19:43
Exactly.

H Heather Hill 19:45
Put some scotch in there, and then maybe I drink my way out.

B Beth Oljar 19:47
It would be like preparing for a colonoscopy or something?

D Dave Chow 19:52
Eww.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:55
Is it legal for someone to marry their widow's sister?

D Dave Chow 20:00
You'd be dead, if you had a widow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:01
That's exactly right. Yeah. So that would be an interesting trick. Let's put it that way. Yeah. Oh

my gosh. How do you know when a clock is hungry?

D Dave Chow 20:13
Huh?

H Heather Hill 20:14
It stops.

D Dave Chow 20:17
When it's -

H Heather Hill 20:19
When it's eight o'clock. No.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:21
This is just absolutely brutal - When it goes back for (four) seconds.

H Heather Hill 20:27
Oh.

O Olivia Vasquez 20:28
That's not good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:29
When do you know when a clock is hungry - when it goes back four seconds.

D Dave Chow 20:34
Yeah, but when does a clock ever go back four a seconds? Okay, all right. I'm overthinking. I'm overthinking.

B Beth Oljar 20:41
Oh, my gosh, It did that all the time when I was in high school. (Matt laughs) Seventh period always went back four seconds. I'm sure Olivia will back me up on this. That's what clocks do -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:52
That's what it feels like

B Beth Oljar 20:53
when you're in school. Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:55
Absolutely. We have one more set of questions - another former student of Beth. So thanks, again for asking all your students to do this, and just -

B Beth Oljar 21:05
Gosh, I hope I gave them extra credit. I'm pretty sure I did, even though the questions aren't being aired until now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:11
Beth, it was such a tidal wave of input that we had to save it till now. These were sent in by Kelan Burroughs from your class last year. Questions about what you remember about certain countries' flags. So a little softball to get us warmed up here. Which country's flag is three vertical stripes - from left to right - blue, white, red.

O Olivia Vasquez 21:34
France

M Megan Conrad 21:35
France.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:37
France

D Dave Chow 21:38
Sure.

H Heather Hill 21:39
Olivia said it first. I have to say that.

D Dave Chow 21:42
Okay. Alright.

H Heather Hill 21:43
Proud mommy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:45
Which country's flag is three vertical stripes left to right. Black, yellow, red.

O Olivia Vasquez 21:51
Germany

M Megan Conrad 21:51
Germany.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:53
That's not what it says here.

D Dan Maggio 21:54
Belgium?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:55
It's Belgium. It's Belgium that has that.

B Beth Oljar 21:59
Why don't they just have a picture of a waffle - on their flag?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:03
(Laughs) Oh my gosh

D Dave Chow 22:07
Or feather bowling. I mean - (The professors laugh)

D Dan Maggio 22:09
Yeah there you go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:10
I love this. I sort of saw this question coming. I think you're gonna be able to guess this one - simply because of recent news stories. Three vertical stripes. green, white, orange would be

H Heather Hill 22:22
Ireland.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:25
It's Ireland. Okay. However, the same layout of the flag. orange, white, Green is -?

B Beth Oljar 22:33
The Netherlands?

D Dave Chow 22:34
Northern Ireland. Oh!

D Dave Chow 22:36

— It's actually not in Europe.

B Beth Oljar 22:38
Oh

D Dan Maggio 22:40
orange, white, green?

B Beth Oljar 22:41
Is this some Caribbean country?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:44
Oh, we're getting close. Getting close.

D Dave Chow 22:47
Haiti?


B Beth Oljar 22:48
Barbados?


D Dave Chow 22:50
Guatemala.


D Dave Chow 22:51
You know what it is? It's, uh (laughs) I'm sorry, it's Cote d'Ivoire. It's the Ivory Coast.


D Dan Maggio 22:58
Oh.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:00


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:00
The Ivory Coast.


 Dan Maggio 23:01
That was tough.


 Dave Chow 23:02
Yeah


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:02
What country's flag is three horizontal stripes, in order top to bottom. So this would be light blue, white, light blue with a picture of a sun in the middle.


 Beth Oljar 23:12
Not Sweden, is it? No, that's not right.

 Dave Chow 23:16
Finland? No. The sun in the middle

 Heather Hill 23:19
Norway.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:20
This is, uh - We bring this up all the time in my department. I guess that's your hint. Because it's one of the very few countries - I think it might be one of the only countries it's actually named after an element from the periodic table.

 Heather Hill 23:33
Chad. No.

 Dan Maggio 23:36
Now that's a great trivia question.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:38
Yes, it is.

B Beth Oljar 23:41
Named after an element in the periodic -

H Heather Hill 23:43
Boronia.

D Dave Chow 23:45
Argentina?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:46
It's Argentina.

M Megan Conrad 23:47
What element?

M Matt Mio 23:48
The country of silver.

D Dan Maggio 23:51
That's the name of an element? Argentina is the name of an element?

H Heather Hill 23:54
Argent.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:55
Argent is the Latin word for silver, which is the element symbol is Ag

Argent is the Latin word for silver, which is why silver's symbol is Ag.

D Dan Maggio 24:01
I am not a Chemistry major.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:03
It's okay.

O Olivia Vasquez 24:03
I don't know any Latin.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:05
But in Latin, Jehovah begins with an "I". Don't forget.

D Dan Maggio 24:09
Thank you

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:09
What country's flag is three horizontal stripes, in order from top to bottom: yellow than blue than red? This is in our hemisphere, if that helps.

D Dan Maggio 24:19
Yellow, blue, red.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:20
Yellow, blue, red - vertical stripes.

D Dave Chow 24:24
No. Horizontal, I thought you said.



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:25
Horizontal

B Beth Oljar 24:26
In South America somewhere?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:28
It's in South America.

D Dan Maggio 24:29
Oh, jeez.

B Beth Oljar 24:31
Brazil, Peru, Chile,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:33
Colombia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:34
It's Colombia. Oh my gosh. You all are killing me here.

H Heather Hill 24:39
COLUMBIA!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:42
What country's flag has horizontal stripes - Top to bottom - red, white, blue?

D Dan Maggio 24:52
Horizontal - red, white, blue?

- D** Dan Maggio 24:56
You know, Matt, It would help if you actually read the question in the accent of the country (The professors laugh)
- D** Dave Chow 24:56
Is it France?
- D** Dave Chow 25:03
I don't know if I can actually do this accent. That's the problem. Do you remember the third Austin Powers movie villain? That's my hint.
- D** Dan Maggio 25:13
Villain?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:14
The third Austin Powers movies villain was this nationality.
- H** Heather Hill 25:19
Scotland?
- D** Dave Chow 25:20
Goldmember?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:21
No, it's not Scotland. It was gold member, I was nodding.
- D** Dave Chow 25:25
He was.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:27
It was Dutch. It's the Netherlands.

D Dave Chow 25:29
Oh

B Beth Oljar 25:30
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:30
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 25:31
I should have known that actually.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:33
Last, but most certainly not least, thanks for the questions, Kelan. This is a lot of fun. Which country's flag has a blue square in the top left corner with a star in it, a white rectangle to the right of the blue square with a red rectangle on the bottom the same length as the blue square. It's a little bit out of the ordinary, but it's a little bit out of the ordinary shaped country in South America.

D Dave Chow 25:56
Chile?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:57
Chile

H Heather Hill 25:58
Chile.

B Beth Oljar 25:58
Okay.

H Heather Hill 25:58
You know what would help is if Dave just drew all of these

D Dave Chow 26:01
Just make me work. (Megan laughs) Oh my gosh, that was a lot of fun. We've come to the time - and what a great time to do this - now that we have Meghan here with us. We have a set of folks, the family Burroughs, Megan that sends us questions so frequently, that they feel like they've asked every question out there. So they also sent us a list of what they call The Imponderables - something for us to respond to personally. So very interesting. We're going to be asked for "What is our favorite hot dog condiment? And I guess while you all ponder, I would say, I don't know whether I'm growing up or just getting old, but mustard is the real deal to me now. - like, get rid of ketchup.

D Dave Chow 26:45
Okay - now what brand?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:47
Oh - I mean, Red Pelican. I mean, I have to have Red Pelican.

D Dan Maggio 26:50
Yeah, very good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:52
Good stuff.

M Megan Conrad 26:53
I think pickle relish. I love pickled relish.

D Dave Chow 26:56
Oh, yeah, I was gonna go there, too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:58

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:58
Very nice.

B Beth Oljar 26:59
I'm not a huge hot dog fan, so I guess I would say -

D Dave Chow 27:03
Don't say the "k" word.

B Beth Oljar 27:05
Well, that is I was gonna say, so now I'll say onion instead.

D Dave Chow 27:10
Oh, okay.

H Heather Hill 27:11
Finely chopped white onion.

O Olivia Vasquez 27:12
I eat mine with nothing.

B Beth Oljar 27:14
Me too. That's how I usually eat mine.

H Heather Hill 27:16
I don't know if any of you guys have ever had a Chicago dog. But a Chicago dog has to be on a poppy seed bun. Mustard, onions,

D Dan Maggio 27:27
A dill pickle spear. No ketchup whatsoever.

H Heather Hill 27:31
Sport peppers.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:33
Yep.

H Heather Hill 27:33
And tomato wedges.

D Dan Maggio 27:35
Do they sprinkle celery salt on top?

H Heather Hill 27:38
And celery salt. That's the other thing.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:40
Let's not forget as we wrap up our show for this week, that in Quebec, Coney dogs are referred to as Hot Dog Michigans. And I'm afraid that the time has come for us to say goodbye - Dave.


D Dave Chow 27:56
See ya


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:57
Dan.


D Dan Maggio 27:58
Goodbye,


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:59
Beth,


 Beth Oljar 27:59
bye


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:00
Heather


 Heather Hill 28:01
Bu-bye


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:02
Olivia


 Olivia Vasquez 28:03
Bye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:04
and Megan,

 Megan Conrad 28:06
Bye-bye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:06
Now these words.

 Michael Jayson 28:07
You can email Ask The Professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page

 Matt Mio. Ph.D. 28:16



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