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- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:02
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show where you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio and let me introduce you to our panel for today. All the way at the bottom of my screen is Professor Beth Oljar, but it's not because of something she did or anything.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:23
(Laughs) Well, I'm really glad to hear that
- D** Dave Chow 00:28
She's in steerage.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:30
It's just - these internet issues you've been having. And then you know, you kind of like fall through the ranks as you keep coming back on, Beth; and now you're at the bottom. I'm so sorry.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:39
That's okay.
- D** Dave Chow 00:41

I just like when Beth shows up inadvertently, and then she just answers a question, then disappears.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:45

(Laughs) She's good at that, actually. You didn't even notice you got the first two questions after you came back on the last show, like - boom! Boom, like immediately. That was great.

B Beth Oljar 00:56

I'm some sort of weird superhero no doubt.

D Dave Chow 01:00

No cape, remember? No cape.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02

No capes. Beth, how was the last week?

B Beth Oljar 01:05

Ah, this week seemed kind of long to me, although I'm not entirely sure why. I mean, I was checking my syllabi to make sure I was, you know, reasonably close to where I had intended to be. And I was like, "It's fall break. I don't have to teach Monday".

D Dave Chow 01:20

Yoo hoo!

B Beth Oljar 01:21

So delighted.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:22

Awesome.

B Beth Oljar 01:22

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Not that I don't like my students.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:24
Right.

B Beth Oljar 01:25
I didn't mean that. But -

D Dave Chow 01:26
You like them under glass.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:30
I will go to the great Seer Charlie Brown by saying "I don't think there is any greater thing to see someone emote over than being off the hook on something". It is the big deal. Like, "I thought I had to teach on Monday, but we don't have class. This is great". Trust me. I went through the same emotion this week, Beth.

B Beth Oljar 01:49
Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:50
My labs are a Monday, so I was like "Oopsie see you in two weeks."

B Beth Oljar 01:54
Ooh, cool!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:55
Professor Jim Tubbs is joining us today.

J James Tubbs 01:58
Hello. Hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:59
What's going on, Jim?

J James Tubbs 02:00
Well, mine's been a rather busy week. It's - Unfortunately fall break is not going to be much of a fall break, because I've got meetings like every day.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:10
Horrible.

J James Tubbs 02:12
Eh - They come and go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:13
Yeah, the days that the University is open, but we don't have classes can jam up worse than anything you've ever seen. Because people are like, "Oh, you've got nothing to do that day. Let's have a meeting".

J James Tubbs 02:25
Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:26
So I hope that at least it gives you a little bit of respite from the regular grind, Jim. How are things like fall break felt in the CTL, Professor Erin Bell, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

E Erin Bell 02:39
You know, it's kind of funny, because when we first started, we were like, do those really apply for us? Not really so much with people in the administrative roles. But - I'm actually looking forward to going to a Teaching and Learning Conference -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:48

Ooh

E

Erin Bell 02:48

at the end of the week, and it will be in Traverse City, which I am certain might be chilly, but will be beautiful this time of year.

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James Tubbs 02:58

Oh, it will be beautiful. Yeah

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:00

That's great.

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Erin Bell 03:01

That's not the only reason. But it's a good conference. I've gone to several times a little a conference and teaching and learning. And so I'm looking forward to that. That there'll be great,

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:09

Very, very cool. Yeah, so you're gonna be - I mean, I can't imagine that it wouldn't be in peak foliage, or just beyond it. So this is a perfect time of year to be going that far north. That's great.

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Erin Bell 03:21

Yeah, I saw - I have one of those time hops on my phone. And the last time I've gone to this conference in person, I probably not very safely took a few shots, as I was driving down I-75, of the fall colors. So I haven't been to the conference since pre COVID.

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:35

Oh, I see.

E

Erin Bell 03:36

So I'm looking forward to that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:38
Yep, that's a good way to mark the passage of time.

J James Tubbs 03:40
I can recommend pulling over when you're taking pictures from behind the wheel.

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

E Erin Bell 03:47
That's definitely a better tactic.

B Beth Oljar 03:49
Well, that's no fun. (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:53
I like to see my fall colors whooshing by me at 90 miles per hour.

J James Tubbs 03:54
(Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 03:55
Right. Exactly.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:59
And of course, filling out the panel for today. Professor Dave Chow just flashed us - a sketch. I want to make that very clear - of a brain on a seat - called "the seat of knowledge".

D Dave Chow 04:11
Pleasure to be here. as always. Causing trouble.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:14
Excellent.

B Beth Oljar 04:15
That's a snack for me - you were drawing, right?

D Dave Chow 04:17
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:18
Zombie Beth. Of course. Of course. That's just the way it works. So you're still painting? - or I mean, everything's set up. When's the big party?

D Dave Chow 04:27
Uh, we are finalizing some caulk on certain areas of the foundation today. So

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:33
Oh, Delicious caulk.

D Dave Chow 04:35
Oh, there's nothing more fun than painting a foundation.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:37
I actually saw you out there the other day. And I gotta say, Dave, I don't know if I've ever seen you agitated, but you did not look very happy.

D Dave Chow 04:47
Long hair, crawling on all fours. I was a chiropractic disaster.

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:52

We had a a warm week this week in Michigan, which by the way just means low 70s. But still once you've had that first cold snap like "Alright, make up your mind".

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Dave Chow 05:01

No, no, honestly, it was great whether to paint, but still just having to contort and twist and it was just like a twisted all over the place. So I'm just kind of messed up. So -

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:09

I feel you

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Dave Chow 05:10

but it's almost there. So - it'll be done.

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:12

Excellent. Folks, this is a program where you send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us questions in the number of ways - emailing us at ATP a@udmercy.edu You can send us questions from Facebook or Instagram, which we actually do take questions from. There was a while there I think I brought that up pre pandemic and people were sending us individual questions - and we put them all together and had a great show. You could also listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. What have we here? "Dear Matt, and professors: I do believe the professors have embarked on another educationally-filled semester. He here at the family Burroughs couldn't let the semester go without submitting a handful of varied questions for the fine show. After all, we gather them on a regular basis and select the ones that will elicit the most commentary - hmm - and prove to be the most challenging".

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Dave Chow 05:12

Oh

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:13

"Besides coming up with questions is a ton easier than coming up with Imponderables". Ooh, see, these are the folks that send us the imponderables list. "You wouldn't believe the hand wringing and editing we do here to come up with those. So please enjoy. As always, warmest greetings from Valencia, California Frank and the family Burroughs".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:31
Excellent.

B Beth Oljar 06:32
Yay, Frank,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:33
Thanks for sending these in. In what year was caller ID formally brought into being?

B Beth Oljar 06:40
80's or 90's?

J James Tubbs 06:45
87.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:47
Just a little bit later, Jim; and you'll make it there.

J James Tubbs 06:50
89

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:51
It says it was 1990

D Dave Chow 06:53
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:53
1990 So I mean, still pretty good for first guess.

E Erin Bell 06:57
Do you all remember the star 69? That might be a very Gen X-er kind of thing. But that was prettycool when that came out

E Erin Bell 07:03
Mm-hm

D Dave Chow 07:03
And the Star 68, Star 67. All those other stars.

B Beth Oljar 07:09
If you've seen SCREAM 2 -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:11
Oh, yes.

B Beth Oljar 07:12
You know all about Caller ID and star 69.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:15
Yep

B Beth Oljar 07:15
or Jada Pinkett Smith

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:17
or Jada. Yeah, exactly.

B Beth Oljar 07:19
Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:20
How many seasons was the original run of the TV show, DALLAS?

D Dave Chow 07:24
Oh, that was forever.

J James Tubbs 07:25
How many what?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:26
How many seasons was the original run of DALLAS?

D Dave Chow 07:29
It seemed to last forever.

B Beth Oljar 07:31
7?

J James Tubbs 07:32
6?

D Dave Chow 07:33
No, I thought it's more than that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:35
This number is bigger than those numbers.

D Dave Chow 07:37
12

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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:38
It says 13.

J James Tubbs 07:39
13 seasons?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:40
13 years.

D Dave Chow 07:41
Hey - That fountain and all those evening gowns had to be replenished regularly. So I mean -

B Beth Oljar 07:46
Yeah, but once you knew who shot J-R, which I do remember watching, you know when the episode was actually broadcast, because I'm as old as dirt. So - I remember

D Dave Chow 07:59
All the shoulder pads, the fountain wrestling. I mean, come on.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:03
That's right. What major US city was originally named Yerba Buena?

E Erin Bell 08:11
Yerba Buena, California.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:13
It's definitely in California

B Beth Oljar 08:15

B Beth Oljar 08:15
Yorba Linda?

B Beth Oljar 08:16
No, that's a good guess. But this is like a major American city. Oh,

B Beth Oljar 08:22
San Francisco?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:24
It's San Francisco. Yeah. I am doing my best as I'm preparing for the questions on the other side of my brain to remember what Yerba Buena means. It's good something, but I don't remember what Yerba is. So maybe one of you can do the research. Professors, collectively who are Taylor, Landon, Dodge and Stuart?

B Beth Oljar 08:49
Not Hanson

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:52
Mm-mm

E Erin Bell 08:53
Sounds like a boyband

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:54
Taylor, Landon, Dodge and Stuart. You could call them a boy band, but a little bit different than that. Little bit different than that.

D Dave Chow 09:03
Taylor? Landon?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:07

1968 is your clue.

B

Beth Oljar 09:10

Taylor, Landon, Dodge and Stuart.

D

Dave Chow 09:13

Were there like stand-ins for somebody?

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:15

No, they were for people who did something together in a very important movie. Classic sci fi from 1968.

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Dave Chow 09:24

Oh, um, Charlton Heston - Um - movie. Roddy McDowell, PLANET OF THE APES.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:31

PLANET OF THE APES. They were the four astronauts. PLANET OF THE APES. Yes, Stuart died due to something happening with the spaceship. Dodge is killed by a gorilla. Landon was knocked unconscious and of course later lobotomized. Only Taylor, (Charlton Heston), ends up as the star of the movie.

D

Dave Chow 09:49

Yep.

D

Dave Chow 09:49

"You blew it up. You blew it up".

J

James Tubbs 09:54

Oh, Matt.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:55

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Yes,

J James Tubbs 09:55
Yerba Buena is good herb.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:58
Oh, well, that makes perfect sense.

B Beth Oljar 10:04
There might have been other cities in Northern California that might have been more appropriately name

D Dave Chow 10:09
What, better herb?

J James Tubbs 10:11
or just the whole state, you know,

B Beth Oljar 10:14
Humboldt County, that would have been - Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:18
What sculpture - very, very famous sculpture - is also known, sort of its subtitle, the Shrine of Democracy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:25
Not Statue of Liberty.

J James Tubbs 10:25
Statue of Liberty?

D Dave Chow 10:30

It's not the St. Louis Arch, is it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:31

It is not. When I say sculpture, I mean it in the most literal sense. This was rock hewn by either The Almighty or the movement of the earth, and turned into something else.

B Beth Oljar 10:44

Mount Rushmore?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:44

Yes, it's Mount Rushmore is The Shrine of Democracy. Yes, Mount Rushmore. I just, I know I shouldn't, but I'll say it anyway. He wanted his face put up there, too. I just I can't -

J James Tubbs 10:57

Yeah, I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:58

Oh, my.

B Beth Oljar 10:59

Because he's so up with those presidents. I mean,

E Erin Bell 11:04

Is it like Voldemort, we just don't say that name? Or,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:07

I don't know. It's just, it's funny because each one of those presidents that's in that sculpture has a remarkable - I mean, they're interesting people who did great things, but they have a remarkable physical trait that makes the sculpture interesting. Even if you just look at Teddy Roosevelt's snap-on you know, his glasses, right? What is it going to be for Trump - like some sort of like 200 foot hair swoosh sticking off of the -

D Dave Chow 11:33
His mullet.

J James Tubbs 11:34
Well, an orange face with a dead rodent on top is not going to add a lot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:40
Yeah, exactly. Professors, in what literary work do you find the fictional character Nick Chopper - much better known as someone else?

D Dave Chow 11:49
Oh, we had this question a while back.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:51
We did.

B Beth Oljar 11:51
Nick Chopper.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:53
Nick Chopper. Not even once mentioned in the movie made.

D Dave Chow 11:59
Oh. Wizard of Oz. The Tin Man.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:03
The Wizard of Oz. He's the Tin Woodsmen.

E Erin Bell 12:06

Oh, The Chopper.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:09

I believe that there is something pretty freaky going on there. He was a person who lost parts of his body and had it replaced with tin, until he essentially was a robot in the end and it's not made up that way. Well, I mean that L Frank Baum stuff was pretty dark if you start actually reading any of it.

D Dave Chow 12:31

Yeah. Come on - Who hasn't had nightmares of those flying monkeys? Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:36

Seriously

B Beth Oljar 12:37

Oh, and he loathed Indians. He thought all Indians should be exterminated.

D Dave Chow 12:41

I was gonna say Boston, but that seems too obvious.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:41

That's right. That's right. Which Massachusetts city, Professors is known as the City of Presidents?

E Erin Bell 12:55

Right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:55

Well, but you're pretty darn close. I would say this is a major suburb of Boston

J James Tubbs 13:00

Cambridge?

Cambridge:

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:01
No.

B Beth Oljar 13:01
Concord?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:04
Nope.

D Dave Chow 13:04
Oh. I don't know my Massachusetts geography and we don't have the map from inside the studio.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:11
My friend Anne, who did not grow up around there, (She grew up around here, but went to school there), would be very, very careful about the way I would pronounce this suburb.

D Dave Chow 13:22
Oh, um -

B Beth Oljar 13:23
Worcester.

D Dave Chow 13:25
No, no, um -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:26
Getting closer.

D Dave Chow 13:27
Kendra was talking about this couple years ago.

E Erin Bell 13:32
Wor-chester

E Erin Bell 13:32
It is it's the city of Quinsey.

D Dave Chow 13:37
Yes, I remember Kendra talking about the proper way to pronounce it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:45
Mm-hm. Not just birthplace of many presidents, but also - let's be serious - Howard Johnson's and Dunkin Donuts.

D Dave Chow 13:51
Ooh, Dunkin Donuts. Ooh. I just picked up doughnuts today too. So, I'm -

B Beth Oljar 13:59
Their decaf coffee at Dunkin Donuts is so good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:02
It's the real deal. I'm not even a coffee guy, and I know that. I mean, that's serious product.

J James Tubbs 14:08
It is good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:09
What Major League baseball team relocated in 1960 to form what we now call the Minnesota
Twinc

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D Dave Chow 14:18
The Senators?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:19
It was. It was the Washington Senators. That's right. Yeah, very well done.

B Beth Oljar 14:23
Gotta have Dave for baseball questions.

D Dave Chow 14:25
No, that's where, you know, other folks? I just remember that one, just because I remember those uniforms. That's all.

D Dave Chow 14:32
You know lots of baseball stuff.

D Dave Chow 14:34
All right. I know enough baseball.

E Erin Bell 14:36
Like, I know 1984 Tigers. That's it.

E Erin Bell 14:38
There you go. That's all you need to know. Start of the season 35 and five Whoop. Professors, this English actor was born in Nigeria. did voiceover work for the movie BABE (as in the one with the pig), starred in The Lord of the Rings trilogy, The Matrix trilogy and in Captain America: The First Avenger.

B Beth Oljar 15:00
Hugo Weaving.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:01
It's Hugo Weaving.

E Erin Bell 15:03
Nice.

B Beth Oljar 15:04
And - oh, let us not forget Happy Feet He was The Great Guin.

D Dave Chow 15:10
And wasn't he in THE MATRIX?

B Beth Oljar 15:15
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:16
Yeah, I said Matrix trilogy. Yep.

B Beth Oljar 15:18
Okay Matrix so yeah. And the Red Skull. What else was he in?

B Beth Oljar 15:21
V for Vendetta, which is actually a fabulous movie.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:25
That's a wonderful movie.

B Beth Oljar 15:27
That's a great political allegory

That's a great political allegory.

D Dave Chow 15:29
And what about Priscilla, Queen of the Desert?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:31
V for Vendetta and what a perfect time of year to be watching it.

B Beth Oljar 15:35
Guy Fawkes Day. Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:37
Yeah, Guy Fawkes Day. It's very interesting. I'm actually just starting to follow a British person on YouTube who is very much into Halloween. And he set aside a video fairly recently to explain why Halloween is getting a much greater foothold over there than the more traditional holiday at that time of year, Guy Fawkes Day. He's just finding a very proper British way to explain, "I don't think burning people in effigy and making fun of Catholics constantly is a good basis for a holiday."

D Dave Chow 16:15
But it's in England. You know, I mean -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:18
It's like all that was missing was the opening of a Costco with some 12 foot skeletons. And they cleared that hurdle a few years ago, so there they are.

B Beth Oljar 16:26
Okay. It's good to know.

D Dave Chow 16:27
Yeah, but what about Berkley and a skeleton on every street corner?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:31

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:31
Oh, I know. Berkley's got skeletons everywhere.

D Dave Chow 16:34
Everywhere. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:36
Professors, which of the Great Lakes is at the highest elevation - 601 feet above sea level?

D Dave Chow 16:42
Okay, it's one out of five

E Erin Bell 16:46
Right

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:47
It is Superior,

B Beth Oljar 16:47
Superior

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:47
Yeah. It's Superior. You have to remember that when we make our way all the way over to the top left, (I'm looking at a map of Superior) that we need to go down, down, down, down, down all the way to Niagara, and then down, down, down, down down to make it to the Atlantic. So it's pretty high. 601 feet is a lot of feet.

D Dave Chow 17:08
I've never seen the locks up there. So I'm curious. That's all.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:11
Oh my gosh, I know we've had this question before, but when it resurfaces, it's always good for

a chuckle. The year is 1999, and PEOPLE has just voted who, (People Magazine) , the sexiest man of the century. Oh God.

E Erin Bell 17:29
I want to guess like a like an ER kind of person.

D Dave Chow 17:32
Like George Clooney you're thinking of?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:35
That makes sense, Erin. What I want you to do is suspend your disbelief. Throw away the rational side of your brain and

E Erin Bell 17:41
Oh, okay. So not sexy.

D Dave Chow 17:45
No, no. Sexiest Man you said?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:47
Sexiest man of the century. People magazine, 1999

D Dave Chow 17:50
Like Patrick Swayze, or somebody like that.

B Beth Oljar 17:55
Sexiest Man of the century.

D Dave Chow 17:58
Couldn't be like David Hasselhoff. God forbid,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:00
No. You know who it was?

B Beth Oljar 18:03
I'm afraid to ask.

J James Tubbs 18:06
I'm afraid to ask too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:07
It's not disturbing. It's just that -

B Beth Oljar 18:09
Drew says it's Sean Connery.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:10
It's Sean Conery. I love Drew's just in the background.

D Dave Chow 18:20
I can live with that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:24
You know, they always do that stuff that worked like six eight months ahead of time. So there's a big huddle up in the late 90s "All right. Who's it going to be?"

B Beth Oljar 18:33
And how do you settle on Sean Connery?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:36
I don't know.

D Dave Chow 18:37
And who else is in the running?

E Erin Bell 18:39
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:40
Yeah. Swords for 200 - is all I have to say.

E Erin Bell 18:44
Exactly. That's what I keep thinking of.

B Beth Oljar 18:45
It should have been Richard Chamberlain. I mean come on.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:49
Oh my gosh, there we go. In what year did the last Harmony House close up shop?

E Erin Bell 18:56
Hmm.

J James Tubbs 18:56
92

D Dave Chow 18:56
Ohhh!

D Dave Chow 19:01
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No, 9/?

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:02
It's quite a bit later. And the interesting thing about this is - This question confirms that the last Harmony House that closed up shop is a few 100 feet from where Dave and I live.
- E** Erin Bell 19:14
Yeah.
- D** Dave Chow 19:14
Oh, the FYE?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:16
The FYE that used to be on Woodward.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:18
Oh, okay - For Your Entertainment. Got it. Yeah.
- E** Erin Bell 19:23
I wanna say - 2004.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:23
It was 2004 - is what it was, Erin. 2004. Yeah.
- D** Dave Chow 19:28
I still can't believe how empty it is.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:30
It's really disturbing to see empty businesses along Woodward, but let me tell you - One of my sons knows me very, very well. It was only about three or four years ago, pre pandemic. He found a reproduction of the classic Harmony House sticker and gave it to me for Christmas, and

I'm like, "Ohh, Harmony House. I miss you so much".

D Dave Chow 19:48
I still miss Sam's Jams.

E Erin Bell 19:50
Okay

D Dave Chow 19:51
Does anybody remember Sam's Jams.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:53
Yep. I remember that.

D Dave Chow 19:54
I used to go there on Friday nights because they were open till midnight.

E Erin Bell 19:57
You know what's really cool, Dave. My mom was A DJ for a while and ran her own DJ company. And so my big fun was going to Sam's Jams - with my mom.

B Beth Oljar 20:07
Cool.

D Dave Chow 20:08
See, I used to go there on Friday nights because we got paid. And I was like, "Wait a minute. I don't have anything going on tonight. I'm working late. I'll go shopping".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:17
Love it. Love it.

D Dave Chow 20:18
It was fun. And then do you remember when they put in the CD room was the novelty?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23
Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. I remember the tall CD packages. The travesties of waste, but made you excited about flipping through them.

D Dave Chow 20:32
Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:33
What us state's state seal has these words on it "Equal Rights, livestock, grain, mines and oil"?

B Beth Oljar 20:44
Texas.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:46
No. You probably don't have to think too hard about this -

J James Tubbs 20:49
Oklahoma?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:50
because off the first two words

E Erin Bell 20:52
Equal rights.

D Dave Chow 20:56
Who was - ?

J James Tubbs 20:59
Arizona?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:00
It's a Western State

B Beth Oljar 21:02
Oregon,. I'll always guess my home state.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:06
I'm a little surprised that you haven't gotten this.

D Dave Chow 21:09
Wyoming?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:09
It's Wyoming because they were the first to grant women the right to vote.

D Dave Chow 21:12
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 21:13
Oh, right.

D Dave Chow 21:14
They were so sparse back then.

D Dave Chow 21:15
And still nobody lives there

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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:15
Yeah, exactly.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:19
And still - there's like five people who live there. And by the way, to all our Wyoming listeners, we mean this in the best possible sense.

B Beth Oljar 21:28
Well, and, you know, Liz Cheney, thumbs up. I mean, I, her politics are loathsome. But I think her conduct -

B Beth Oljar 21:37
Her stance,

J James Tubbs 21:37
her stance, very strong,

J James Tubbs 21:40
October 13. That's going to be some prime time. we've got Dixon versus Whitmer in the first televised debate and the next select committee. So that will be interesting.

B Beth Oljar 21:51
Whitmer is leading by - considerably. And Prop 3 looks like it's going to pass.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:57
I just, I, I couldn't think even the first time around when it was Clinton versus Trump. Like what those debates would look like. I had no idea what they're gonna look like. And then I'm like, "Oh, Uncle Joe's gonna go up against him. Like there's gonna be an F bomb on primetime TV. I can't wait. So I don't know what Whitmer versus Dixon is gonna look like?"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:17

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Well, at least Uncle Joe finally said what we kept waiting for Hillary to say

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:23
That is true. That is true. Professors, according to the Heinz Company and their crack team of researchers. What US city consumes the most ketchup per capita.

D Dave Chow 22:36
Per capita? Milwaukee.

D Dave Chow 22:39
You know, it's out west.

D Dave Chow 22:42
Oh, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:45
You are close geographically but not very close at all. Otherwise.

D Dave Chow 22:49
You said west.

E Erin Bell 22:50
Is there a french fry connection - to like, Idaho?

J James Tubbs 22:53
Salt Lake City?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:54
It's Salt Lake City, Jim. It is its Salt Lake City is what it says here.

D Dave Chow 22:58
Well, it's between that and the caffeine and no booze.

J James Tubbs 23:00
Yeah. If you can't drink any, you know, caffeinated beverages, or beer and wine or liquor, you've gotta fill it with something.

D Dave Chow 23:10
What? citric acid?

B Beth Oljar 23:13
You know, they have a new thing now called Mayo-chup, which is exactly what you think it is. A combination of mayonnaise and ketchup.

D Dave Chow 23:24
Oh, yeah.

B Beth Oljar 23:25
Drew likes it, actually.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:31
I mean, I've had hamburgers that have both mayo and ketchup on them. But I didn't think about the unholy alliance.

J James Tubbs 23:38
You know, my grandmother used to make a salad dressing that had. Let's see, it had mayo, it had chili sauce.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:46
Sure.

- J** James Tubbs 23:46
A bit of a bit of ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, and it was very good.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:51
Sure. Professors, what's the single largest use of the element helium in the United States?
- D** Dave Chow 24:01
Making our voices squeak
- E** Erin Bell 24:02
Isn't in the medical industry?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:04
I mean, balloons is a good guess. I would say medical is almost there. But specifically, what about medical?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:11
What- like cooling cryogenics or something like that?
- D** Dave Chow 24:13
Computers, right?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:13
Right. Cryogenics. Yeah. But it's really broad though. That's not just Walt Disney's head. We need liquid helium to run our superconducting magnets.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:22
Yeah, exactly. Computers, keep them cool. Absolutely. I was trying to keep Michael Jayson cool in the basement of Briggs.
- B** Beth Oljar 24:30

We use it for that too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:31
Exactly. Exactly.

D Dave Chow 24:33
Put some more coils in the base of a Briggs. Well get ready.

D Dave Chow 24:37
Liquid helium is the real deal. Even though we've never actually achieved anything that has approached absolute zero, because the instrument measuring it would also stop all molecular motion. Liquid helium is only for Kelvins so it is - gold

J James Tubbs 24:53
Well, it's become popular for suicide too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:55
Yes, it has. Oh, that's true. That's true.

B Beth Oljar 24:57
Is it as cold as liquid nitrogen?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:00
It's far cooler. Liquid nitrogen is in the hundreds of Kelvins and Helium was only four Kelvins.

D Dave Chow 25:07
It shows up on the on the Fonzarelli meter.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:09
Right. I love what they're doing with this. They definitely are ready to play some mind games with us professors, but it'll be fun. Our last question. Thanks again to Frank and the family
Dunsmuir for sending some great ones. What I want you to do is listen to a list of four please

burroughs for sending some great ones. what I want you to do is listen to a list of four places and tell me who is the most populous and who is the least populous of these four places? The island of Jamaica, Queensland Australia, the African nation of Eritrea and Metro Detroit.

D Dave Chow 25:47

Ooh, So which was the largest?

B Beth Oljar 25:49

I'm gonna say Queensland, Australia is the largest.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:55

Okay

B Beth Oljar 25:56

That's a pretty big chunk of the country. Eritrea is the smallest.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:04

Okay. Any other - uh?

D Dave Chow 26:06

No, I'm gonna go - What's the first one? the nation?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:10

The nation is the island of Jamaica.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:12

I gonna say Jamaica is larger, I would think

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:14

Okay. this seems really scattershot, doesn't it? I covered up the correct response. Because I'm like, "gosh, what would I say for this one?" So smallest is actually Jamaica. Just under 3 million people on the island, Jamaica, it's actually pretty small. Next is Metro Detroit. Basically four and

a half million people for the megalopolis. Queensland as Beth predicted, 5.1 million. So just a little bit more than Metro Detroit, but Eritrea - 6.7 million people in the country of Eritrea.

J James Tubbs 26:48
Wow

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:49
That is your interesting fact for the day. Pretty wild stuff there. I'm trying to remember. One of you is going to be way smarter than me on this. Eritrea is the modern name for what? By the time I was growing up, what would Eritrea have been known by? It? had a different name, I think. A colonial name is what I'm getting at.

B Beth Oljar 27:11
Rhodesia?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:12
Maybe Rhodesia.

D Dave Chow 27:13
No. Isn't Rhodesia South Africa?

B Beth Oljar 27:16
Zimbabwe

D Dave Chow 27:17
Yeah. Okay. All right. Come on.

B Beth Oljar 27:20
Wait, there's a country - Liberia? No

D Dave Chow 27:23
Soto. No, no, what's the -

300. No, no, what's the

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:25
Yeah, I just I can't -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:27
Hold on, Jim's got the box of knowledge.

J James Tubbs 27:29
No, I'm trying to remember what Eritrea was.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:35
I mean, I could start clicking around on my keyboard here, but I think that would be bad form.
So


B Beth Oljar 27:39
That's what I was going to do. So now I won't do it.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:42
No, no. I've got this nice mic, Beth. And I'm like, if I start clicking and clack, and it's gonna make all sorts of noise. Oh my gosh. Unfortunately, I'm afraid the time has come for us to say goodbye, Dave.


D Dave Chow 27:57
See ya


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:58
Erin.


E Erin Bell 27:59
Goodbye,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:59
Jim.

 James Tubbs 28:00
Goodbye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:01
and Beth.

 Beth Oljar 28:02
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:03
Now these words.

 Michael Jayson 28:05
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