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M Michael Jayson 00:06

The University of Detroit Mercy presents an Ask the Professor classic Christmas Show. Today we invite you to enjoy some heartwarming memories from the Christmas of 1984

E Edwin DeWindt 00:19

The University of Detroit presents Ask the Professor. the University strolling band and assorted revelers welcome you to another session of Ask the Professor - the Christmas show. This is the radio program on which you match wits with the University of Detroit professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. And on this Christmas season, I have our regular panel with us. On my right, from the Department of Religious Studies, Professor George Pickering.

G George Pickering 00:51

Bah, humbug.

E Edwin DeWindt 00:53

Okay, On his right from the Department of Psychology, Professor Robert O'Neill.

R Robert O'Neill 00:58

Yo-ho-ho.

—

B Bernard Green 00:59
All this Latin here. What does that mean?

E Edwin DeWindt 01:02
Yeah,

B Bernard Green 01:02
Bah humbug.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:03
Yeah, and Yoho

B Bernard Green 01:05
Well, that's sailor talk.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:06
Really. And on his right, from the School of Education and from Wayne County Community College, Professor Wallace Peace

W Wallace Peace 01:14
and a Merry Christmas to all, especially my mother and father, and my many fans in Clarkston. Shall I go on?

E Edwin DeWindt 01:22
No. That's enough.

G George Pickering 01:24
The only place you've got them.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:27
And on Wallace's right, from the Department of Mathematics, Professor Mary Jo Nichols.

M Mary Jo Nichols 01:31
And Merry Christmas.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:32
Merry Christmas and on Mary Jo's right and my left from the Department of Political Science Professor John Klemanski.

J John Klemanski 01:38
Hi, Ed. I thought I'd make a little more secular.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:42
You certainly did.

B Bernard Green 01:43
You certainly did.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:44
Most of the questions you hear in this program are submitted by our listeners. If you stump the panel, you receive an autographed photograph and a bumper sticker. If you fail to stump the panel, you receive a photographed autograph and a bumper sticker. Does that meet approval of everyone?

B Bernard Green 02:00
Yes, I quite agree.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:04
Okay. And before we start in with our questions for the day, I do want to remind Mr. Tony Polito, whose questions we were dealing with last week, that he will just have to hang in there for a couple of weeks because we have to deal with some other questions right now, that are more seasonal at this moment, but we will return to his questions when we get out of this holiday season.

W Wallace Peace 02:05
Did we know the answer to his question?

E Edwin DeWindt 02:25
We weren't doing badly.

W Wallace Peace 02:31
We were doing badly?

E Edwin DeWindt 02:32
You weren't doing badly.

B Bernard Green 02:33
I'm going to the library this week and looking up the answers.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:36
Okay

G George Pickering 02:37
What were they about anyway?

W Wallace Peace 02:38
They were very good.

B Bernard Green 02:39
Civil war.

W Wallace Peace 02:41
Civil war.

- E** Edwin DeWindt 02:42
Civil War phobias. Yes. All right. Our first set of questions are sent in from Neil Rifkin of Livonia, Michigan, and he sends us some Christmas type questions.
- B** Bernard Green 02:53
Good.
- G** George Pickering 02:55
Right on time.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 02:56
Here we go. He wants you to get two out of six to pass.
- B** Bernard Green 03:02
He's a listener.
- G** George Pickering 03:02
Woe!
- E** Edwin DeWindt 03:05
The biggest hit Spike Jones ever had was in 1949. The subject dealt with Christmas. Name the title of the song
- M** Mary Jo Nichols 03:15
Either I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus or All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth. My two front teeth, my two front teeth. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. than I can wish you Merry Christmas.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 03:34
That's it. Very, very good.

G George Pickering 03:36
And that was his biggest hit?

W Wallace Peace 03:37
(Laughing) That's depressing, isn't it?

E Edwin DeWindt 03:37
Apparently.

B Bernard Green 03:41
Well, it was 49

W Wallace Peace 03:42
Imagine to be remembered for that

G George Pickering 03:44
What fame is made of Norman Rockwell,


E Edwin DeWindt 03:46
Really. Between 1963 and 1969, The Beatles recorded Christmas messages to their fans in Britain and later around the world. On their 1968 Christmas record, who was the American artist that was featured singing the Beatle's song Nowhere Man? No. (The professors laugh)


G George Pickering 04:05
Oh,


E Edwin DeWindt 04:06
This is a musical artist.


G George Pickering 04:07
So, it's a musical artist.


Of Classical proportions?


 Bernard Green 04:11
Of Rock-A-billy proportions?


 Edwin DeWindt 04:11
No No.


 Bernard Green 04:15
of rock and roll proportions


 Edwin DeWindt 04:17
Of indeterminant proportions.

 John Klamanski 04:19
Orson Welles

 Edwin DeWindt 04:20
He was married on a TV show.

 George Pickering 04:20
Oh, no kidding!

 Wallace Peace 04:23
Tiny Tim.

 Bernard Green 04:25
What's his real name though?

 Edwin DeWindt 04:27



Herbert Khaury - or something like that



Bernard Green 04:30

Extra points for that.



Edwin DeWindt 04:31

What famous rock and roll legend recorded the song Run Rudolph, Run?



Bernard Green 04:37

Run Rudolph Run



Robert O'Neill 04:38

What rock and roll legend.



Edwin DeWindt 04:40

Yes



Bernard Green 04:42

Gee, I know that song.



George Pickering 04:44

Chubby Santa?



Edwin DeWindt 04:45

No, but it's the right first -





Wallace Peace 04:48


Chubby Checker.





Edwin DeWindt 04:49


 Edwin DeWindt 04:49
No


 George Pickering 04:51
Charlie. Chuck


 Edwin DeWindt 04:53
Chuck

 John Klemanski 04:54
Berry.


 Edwin DeWindt 04:54
Yes. In 1958, singer Bobby Helm recorded a popular Christmas tune with a little rock & roll

 George Pickering 05:06
Did it sound anything like that?


 Bernard Green 05:06
(Singing) "Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock."

 Edwin DeWindt 05:06
That's it.

 Mary Jo Nichols 05:12
not a bit


 Wallace Peace 05:12
It sounded exactly like that, which is why it sold





 Bernard Green 05:17
That was my Bobby Helm impression.

 George Pickering 05:18
Okay,


 Edwin DeWindt 05:19
Who wrote the classic Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?


 Wallace Peace 05:23
Gene Autry.


 Edwin DeWindt 05:24
No, he sang it. Irving Berlin.

 George Pickering 05:27
Is it somebody famous like that?

 Edwin DeWindt 05:30
No.

 Bernard Green 05:30
Oh, well. Then forget it.

 Edwin DeWindt 05:32
Johnny Marks.

 George Pickering 05:34
The Richard Wagner of the mid 20th century

E Edwin DeWindt 05:38
Name the male and female celebrities who co starred with Bing Crosby in the 1954 musical, White Christmas.

R Robert O'Neill 05:47
Barry Fitzgerald. No

M Mary Jo Nichols 05:53
Fred Astaire? No. One of them was a woman who was married to Jose Farrar. Rosemary Clooney.

E Edwin DeWindt 05:59
That's right. The other is a woman who kind of her career fizzled out in the late 50s, early 60s, whose name was essentially two first names hyphenated

M Mary Jo Nichols 06:10
Vera Ellen.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:11
Exactly. Vera Ellen

J John Klemanski 06:13
Way to go, Mary Jo

E Edwin DeWindt 06:14
Well, We thank Mr. Rifkin. He did not stump the panel, however.

B Bernard Green 06:24
He'll get his -

E Edwin DeWindt 06:26



whatever it is we're giving out these days



Wallace Peace 06:28

And Merry Christmas to you.



Edwin DeWindt 06:29

That's right. So Merry Christmas, Mr. Rifkin.



George Pickering 06:31

And a Happy New Year



Edwin DeWindt 06:32

And a Happy New Year. And thank you for the questions. And now our next set of questions comes from Paul Murray.



George Pickering 06:38

Our very own producer of the show Paul Murray?



Edwin DeWindt 06:45

Exactly.



Bernard Green 06:45

Is that who we're speaking of? That's who we're speaking of. And he says "Dear professors: As a U of D student, I am able to watch as well as hear your wise deliberations both on the show and in the classroom".



George Pickering 06:56

But your lips are sealed.



Edwin DeWindt 06:58

"What would what would the free world do without you? How else would the CIA send secret

...

messages?"

B Bernard Green 07:04

He gave it away.

G George Pickering 07:07

He wasn't supposed to know.

E Edwin DeWindt 07:10

"Enough compliments. I have set the passing level at 17 out of these 21 questions dealing with the subject of Christmas".

G George Pickering 07:14

Okay "The requirement is stiff, because I have got to find out the difference between an autographed photograph and a photographed autograph." He's actually toying with us. Being the producer of the show, he knows.

E Edwin DeWindt 07:29

Doesn't he know?

R Robert O'Neill 07:29

Don't patronize.

G George Pickering 07:33

If he wins the bumper sticker, do you think his mother will get him a car?

M Mary Jo Nichols 07:37


That's what he wants.


B Bernard Green 07:38

I'm sure she would.

 Edwin DeWindt 07:41
All right. Merry Christmas. And here we go.


 George Pickering 07:45
Okay

 Edwin DeWindt 07:46
According to tradition, what are the names of the three wise men?


 Bernard Green 07:50
Huey, Luey -


 Mary Jo Nichols 07:50
No

 Edwin DeWindt 07:51
No.

 Wallace Peace 07:51
Belshazzar.

 Mary Jo Nichols 07:53
Melchior

 Wallace Peace 07:54
and Caspar

 Edwin DeWindt 07:57
That's it. Very good.

J John Klemanski 07:59
See

G George Pickering 08:00
Which brought which?

E Edwin DeWindt 08:01
Oh, please. Frankincense, gold and myrrh? Yeah, that's

W Wallace Peace 08:05
what they brought. They traded off. But you know, Joe has that wasn't one of the questions.

G George Pickering 08:10
I was just curious. Maybe it's an X Stifler.

W Wallace Peace 08:13
But the answer is gold. Frankincense and myrrh. Right.

E Edwin DeWindt 08:16
In England. Why is the Christmas of 1525 remember it as the steal Christmas? The plague? No.

J John Klemanski 08:25
The wind was not blowing No. 25 They made a lot of moonshine that year.

G George Pickering 08:32
No, it was that Franz Gruber road still enact highly? That's a good that's a good answer.

R Robert O'Neill 08:39
It's not right. But it's a good that's a yearly switch the calendar

it's not right but it's a good start a year, written the calendar.

G George Pickering 08:44

Henry the Eighth must have been mad at somebody. Well,

E Edwin DeWindt 08:47

I'll tell you what it was that year, people were prevented from singing Christmas carols because of the serious illness of the king.

G George Pickering 08:55

Oh, I say we get half credit. He was mad, not sick. Well, when you say what he was sick with fever makes people testing with madness. Just don't push me.

E Edwin DeWindt 09:07

Okay. I'll give you Santa Claus, as we all know is derived from St. Nicholas. What is the feast day of St. Nicholas?

W Wallace Peace 09:16

The 25th of December?

E Edwin DeWindt 09:18

No

J John Klemanski 09:19

The 12th of December

W Wallace Peace 09:20

Well, it should be.

E Edwin DeWindt 09:20

No. It's the right month.

R Robert O'Neill 09:22
It's the sixth of December.

E Edwin DeWindt 09:23
Yes.

R Robert O'Neill 09:24
When in doubt, call it six.

E Edwin DeWindt 09:25
That's right. Who wrote the editor of the New York Sun in 1897 to ask if there really was a Santa Claus?

W Wallace Peace 09:31
Virginia

B Bernard Green 09:33
Virginia somebody. Or she lived in Virginia.

G George Pickering 09:34
Yes, Virginia.

E Edwin DeWindt 09:36
Yes

B Bernard Green 09:37
Virginia Smarna.

E Edwin DeWindt 09:38
No. it's Virginia O'Hanlon.

...the Virginia - ...

G George Pickering 09:43
What, were we supposed to - Oh, come on Virginia is enough.

R Robert O'Neill 09:43
O'Hanlon

B Bernard Green 09:47
She married one of the Quinn boys up the hill.

E Edwin DeWindt 09:50
This person was actually born on January 23 1889, but the Warner Brothers publicity department claimed he was born on Christmas Day 1900, implying that he wasn't really a villain. Who was he?

B Bernard Green 10:03
Vincent Price?

E Edwin DeWindt 10:03
No. This is a man who started his film career playing gangsters and criminals and then was transformed into a more heroic type figure from 1940 on.

M Mary Jo Nichols 10:15
James Cagney?

E Edwin DeWindt 10:16
Not Cagney, but it's the same group. He came in at the same time. That's right. Humphrey Bogart.

B Bernard Green 10:21
Humphey Bogart.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:25
Hey, you're good at impressions.

J John Klemanski 10:25
"Sweetheart"

B Bernard Green 10:32
Jon's normal speech defect.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:35
Now He says "I'll give you a country's name for Christmas and you give me the country."

G George Pickering 10:38
Okay

E Edwin DeWindt 10:39
Noel

W Wallace Peace 10:40
France..

E Edwin DeWindt 10:40
That's right. Yule

B Bernard Green 10:43
Yule? Sweden.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:44
No. Norwav. No.

B Bernard Green 10:46
Denmark.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:47
Nope.

B Bernard Green 10:47
Finland

E Edwin DeWindt 10:48
Nope.

J John Klemanski 10:49
France.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:49
No,


W Wallace Peace 10:50
England.


E Edwin DeWindt 10:51
Well, it's part of that -


W Wallace Peace 10:52
Scotland.


E Edwin DeWindt 10:53


Yes. Scotland. Yes


 Robert O'Neill 10:55
Or for those for those who are dyslexic, Wales.


 Edwin DeWindt 11:04
(Laughs) Buon Natale


 Wallace Peace 11:06
Italy.


 Edwin DeWindt 11:07
That's right. Weihnachten

 Wallace Peace 11:09
Germany.

 Edwin DeWindt 11:10
That's right. And Navidad.

 Wallace Peace 11:12
Spain.

 Edwin DeWindt 11:13
That's right.

 Wallace Peace 11:14
Oh, that's a great question. Ask it again

 George Pickering 11:15

We can sing. (Singing): Feliz Navidad - Feliz Navidad

W

Wallace Peace 11:16

George

G

George Pickering 11:16

Just a little musical interlude here.

E

Edwin DeWindt 11:30

Why is Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean so named?

G

George Pickering 11:34

Because he got there on Christmas.

E

Edwin DeWindt 11:36

That's right.

G

George Pickering 11:36

Whoever he was. very good. Yeah.

B

Bernard Green 11:39

Captain Cook.

E


Edwin DeWindt 11:40


Yes. It was the night before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse. What is the name of this poem and who was its author?

W


Wallace Peace 11:50


The Night Before Christmas.

 Edwin DeWindt 11:52
That's right. No, it's not the name of the poem


 Wallace Peace 11:54
T'was the night before Christmas.


 Edwin DeWindt 11:56
No


 John Klemanski 11:56
The Christmas Story


 Edwin DeWindt 11:58
No, it isn't


 George Pickering 11:58
or something like that Then throw this question out.

 Edwin DeWindt 12:00
No it isn't

 Robert O'Neill 12:04
"Reflections upon the season as told by a grandfather to his small grandchild".


 Edwin DeWindt 12:08
No, but that's a very good try.


 George Pickering 12:10
"The Chronology of small town living in an era of industrial progress".


 Edwin DeWindt 12:16
No, that's not the name of it either.

 John Klemanski 12:17
"Ode To A Reindeer".

 Edwin DeWindt 12:18
The name was "A Visit from St. Nicholas".


 Robert O'Neill 12:21
We were coming to that.

 Edwin DeWindt 12:23
And who wrote this?


 George Pickering 12:24
Somebody.


 Edwin DeWindt 12:25
Yes.


 George Pickering 12:25
A lady

 Bernard Green 12:25
Henry.

 Edwin DeWindt 12:27
No

 George Pickering 12:27
A man. Howard


 Bernard Green 12:28
Does it begin with an "H"?


 Edwin DeWindt 12:30
No, it doesn't.

 George Pickering 12:33
Millard Fillmore.


 Edwin DeWindt 12:34
No, it's not Millard Fillmore. It is Clement Moore.

 Mary Jo Nichols 12:39
Clement Moore?


 Edwin DeWindt 12:40
Yes, yes.


 John Klemanski 12:41
I thought he played the Lone Ranger.


 Edwin DeWindt 12:44
That's Clayton Moore

 George Pickering 12:46
His brother - Clayton.


 Edwin DeWindt 12:48
All right. What day was Cab Calloway born on?


 Wallace Peace 12:53
I don't know. Christmas Day


 Edwin DeWindt 12:55
Wrong.


 Robert O'Neill 12:56
December 24.

 Edwin DeWindt 12:57
Yes, December 24. Exactly. Very goog.

 John Klemanski 13:00
In what year though?

 Bernard Green 13:02
Okay.

 Edwin DeWindt 13:02
1907.

 Robert O'Neill 13:03
That would be 1907.

 George Pickering 13:05
Who was Cab Calloway?

E Edwin DeWindt 13:06
What do you mean? Who was Cab Calloway? Who IS Cab Calloway?

R Robert O'Neill 13:11
In the world of opera, George, you ought to know who Cab Calloway is

G George Pickering 13:15
I don't

E Edwin DeWindt 13:17
He was the original sport and life in

W Wallace Peace 13:21
Porgy and Bess.

G George Pickering 13:22
Okay.

B Bernard Green 13:25
Excuse me. What's Porgy and Bess?

G George Pickering 13:26
Oh, I know who you mean Yeah.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:27
Doesn't he appear in the Blues Brothers also? The Blues Brothers.

W Wallace Peace 13:32
.....

I don't know

G George Pickering 13:32
Has a lot of white suits.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:33
Yes. Yes.

M Mary Jo Nichols 13:34
Yeah.

W Wallace Peace 13:35
Used to be on the Ed Sullivan Show a lot.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:37
Yes.

G George Pickering 13:37
I never watched it. Yes.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:39
In the book A Christmas Carol, what is the name and business of Scrooge's firm?

G George Pickering 13:44
Scrooge and Marley.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:45
That's right.

G George Pickering 13:46



And they're in the business of grinding the poor.



Mary Jo Nichols 13:49

Accountants



Edwin DeWindt 13:50

They're not accountants. I thought they were too



Bernard Green 13:52

They're not CPAs No. I'll have to give it to you. They run a warehouse. What is Scrooge's first name?



Wallace Peace 14:05

Ebenezer



Edwin DeWindt 14:05

That's right, who declared December 25 to be the date of Christ's birth.



Robert O'Neill 14:11

God



Edwin DeWindt 14:12

No



George Pickering 14:13

Some emperor.



Edwin DeWindt 14:14

No,

M Mary Jo Nichols 14:14
The pope.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:15
Well, one was. A pope made it official.

R Robert O'Neill 14:20
Julian

B Bernard Green 14:21
Was it by acclamation?

E Edwin DeWindt 14:22
Well, Jul,

B Bernard Green 14:25
Jules Verne No Jul -

G George Pickering 14:28
Julie Harris.

J John Klamanski 14:30
Julius Caesar

E Edwin DeWindt 14:31
Just stopped drop Ceasar

G George Pickering 14:33
Julius

E Edwin DeWindt 14:34
Julius. All right, Pope Julius.

G George Pickering 14:35
Pope Julius the first. Yes

E Edwin DeWindt 14:38
He made it official. And it was St. Cyril who investigated this and reported the date.

B Bernard Green 14:44
But he got it wrong.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:45
Of course he did. Got everything wrong

B Bernard Green 14:47
Wasn't it around Easter?

E Edwin DeWindt 14:48
It's Dionysius Exiguus got the whole years wrong. did everything wrong anyway?

W Wallace Peace 14:54
Well, the important thing is that we know it was the 25th of December

G George Pickering 14:58
Well, that's when we celebrate it.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:59
Well, the important thing is that we know that it was chosen December 25, because that was the Feast of the Unconquerable Sun in the Roman Empire.

J John Klemanski 15:09
And also when we noticed the sun

E Edwin DeWindt 15:11
And they're latching on to an already pre existing festival - celebration. I think we should inform people of these things. I think they're fascinated. They just all left. I know they've all fallen asleep. So let's wake up out there. Wake up. Who was the first US president to light the White House Christmas tree with a ceremony and when was this?

G George Pickering 15:30
oh, it had to be Hayes

E Edwin DeWindt 15:32
Nope.

R Robert O'Neill 15:32
Taft

B Bernard Green 15:34
It must have been in the 20s wasn't it. It was in the 1920s

G George Pickering 15:36
Coolidge

E Edwin DeWindt 15:37
Mm-hm

R Robert O'Neill 15:38
Happy Cal

G George Pickering 15:38
It had to be Coolidge.

E Edwin DeWindt 15:40
That's right.

W Wallace Peace 15:41
I knew it wasn't Madison

J John Klemanski 15:42
But he took a nap right after that. It tired him out.

E Edwin DeWindt 15:45
Who sat in a corner eating his Christmas pie?

W Wallace Peace 15:47
Jack Spratt

M Mary Jo Nichols 15:48
Little Jack Horner

E Edwin DeWindt 15:50
That's right Little Jack Horner. In the fall of 1971, while stepping out of a helicopter at a Fort Lauderdale supermarket a certain person was knocked to the ground and had his many packages stolen by screaming children. Who was he?

W Wallace Peace 16:00
Santa Claus.

J John Klemanski 16:00
- - . .

Ronald McDonald.

E Edwin DeWindt 16:00

It was Santa Claus.

J John Klemanski 16:01

I didn't know he did helicopters now. What happened to - ? Were the reindeer in the shop?

M Michael Jayson 16:13

You're listening to an encore presentation of an Ask the Professor program from Christmas 1984 - featuring the late professors Edwin DeWindt and George Pickering, Matt Mio and the current panel of professors will return next week with more brand new episodes. So send your questions today to ATP@udmercy.edu. Now let's return to this special holiday edition of Ask the Professor from Christmas 1984.

E Edwin DeWindt 16:43

For what purpose was the story of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer originally conceived, and when?

B Bernard Green 16:56

Commercial Money

J John Klemanski 16:57

commercial purposes? Yes

E Edwin DeWindt 16:57

That's right. That's right. You want to elaborate for whom and by whom?

B Bernard Green 17:03

Go right ahead.

E Edwin DeWindt 17:05

Well, I'll have to -

B Bernard Green 17:06
Oh, you mean we're gonna get some points for this?

E Edwin DeWindt 17:09
Yes.

J John Klemanski 17:09
Well. Wait a minute

G George Pickering 17:10
What do you mean - when? In the 40s.

E Edwin DeWindt 17:13
That's a little bit late

J John Klemanski 17:15
Yeah, 30s. I'd say. late 30s.


E Edwin DeWindt 17:17
Very late 30's

R Robert O'Neill 17:19
1938


E Edwin DeWindt 17:20
39


R Robert O'Neill 17:21


 Robert O'Neill 17:21
39.


 George Pickering 17:22
And Eleanor Roosevelt actually wrote it. (Laughs) "Mr President, your wife's in jail" . And he said "I'm not a bit surprised".

 Edwin DeWindt 17:35
I'll give you half for this. It was conceived by Robert L Mae as an advertising gimmick for Montgomery Ward's

 John Klemanski 17:42
And look where they come since


 Edwin DeWindt 17:44
Yeah.

 John Klemanski 17:45
Mobil Oil

 Robert O'Neill 17:45
Now known as the May company.

 Edwin DeWindt 17:48
We all know How the Grinch Stole Christmas, but where did he steal it from?

 George Pickering 17:53
Whoville

 John Klemanski 17:54
A small town? Whoville.

G George Pickering 17:56
It's in Indiana?

B Bernard Green 17:57
I thought it was in Maine or somehow It's in Indiana.

R Robert O'Neill 17:59
Everything is.

E Edwin DeWindt 18:00
What famous cartoonist popularized the idea of Santa Claus as a fat bearded man wearing a red suit?

J John Klemanski 18:05
Nast.

E Edwin DeWindt 18:06
That's right. What is the greatest selling record of all time? What song?


J John Klemanski 18:09
White Christmas

E Edwin DeWindt 18:10
That's right. How many records have been sold?


J John Klemanski 18:13
43 million.


E Edwin DeWindt 18:14
That's right. How many records have been sold?


Well, that's close enough.


 **George Pickering** 18:15
Big number


 **Edwin DeWindt** 18:17
Yeah, it's over 100 million actually.


 **Robert O'Neill** 18:19
That's very close, though.


 **John Klemanski** 18:20
I didn't get the latest returns.


 **Robert O'Neill** 18:22
I'm not sure counting royalties

 **Edwin DeWindt** 18:23
Who wrote it?

 **John Klemanski** 18:24
Irving Berlin. That's right. And finally, what movie was it featured in?

 **Mary Jo Nichols** 18:29
Holiday Inn

 **Edwin DeWindt** 18:30
That's it

 **Mary Jo Nichols** 18:30

It wasn't White Christmas.

G

George Pickering 18:32

And Barry Fitzgerald was in that

E

Edwin DeWindt 18:38

Well, we thanked mr. Murray, our producer.

G

George Pickering 18:41

Did he win?

E

Edwin DeWindt 18:41

No, he didn't win

R

Robert O'Neill 18:42

Of course not.

J

John Klemanski 18:43

So what does he get now?

E

Edwin DeWindt 18:44

Nothing. The bumper sticker. That's all he gets.

J

John Klemanski 18:45

Do they get a photograph of the autograph?

E

Edwin DeWindt 18:49

He gets a photographed autograph. That's what he gets and a bumper sticker. But Merry Christmas to you, Paul. Yes. Now our next set of questions -

G George Pickering 18:58
I hope somebody sends it out to him.

E Edwin DeWindt 18:59
Yes. Our next set of questions comes from Katie-Ann of Livonia.

B Bernard Green 19:06
Katie-Ann

E Edwin DeWindt 19:06
Either that or it's Katie Ann Livonia.

J John Klemanski 19:09
Oh, she doesn't want to use her last name. I'm not surprised

E Edwin DeWindt 19:11
She says "The following 15 questions deal with literature and music. You are allowed five wrong answers".

J John Klemanski 19:18
Okay.

B Bernard Green 19:19
Okay. Out of how many questions? Do you know? Five?

E Edwin DeWindt 19:22
Nine - uh, 15.

B Bernard Green 19:25
Okay,

J John Klemanski 19:26
It's reasonable.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:27
She has at the bottom, a "PS: George Pickering is hilarious and a delight."

W Wallace Peace 19:31
Aww

J John Klemanski 19:32
Is she talking about the show?

E Edwin DeWindt 19:34
I don't know. What was Odysseus's last name in Homer's Odyssey?

J John Klemanski 19:41
He didn't have a last name.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:42
No, that's not true.

G George Pickering 19:43
Odysseus the Greek.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:45
Well, he has a family association.

G George Pickering 19:50
Onassis

E Edwin DeWindt 19:51
He belongs to a certain house

G George Pickering 19:53
Oh, Odysseus, the house of -

E Edwin DeWindt 19:56
Yes.

G George Pickering 19:57
I've given that much

W Wallace Peace 19:59
You always do that

J John Klemanski 20:00
The house bedspreads or whatever. House of Sparta

E Edwin DeWindt 20:10
No. The answer I have is Laertes, which would be the House of Laertes.


J John Klemanski 20:16
Everybody just call them Odysseus.


E Edwin DeWindt 20:18
I know. I know. That's true. Who is called America's oldest living teenager?

J John Klemanski 20:26
George Pickering


George Pickering.


 George Pickering 20:28
Jerry Lewis.


 Edwin DeWindt 20:29
Somebody who's on television a great deal.


 Bernard Green 20:31
George Burns.


 Edwin DeWindt 20:32
No.

 George Pickering 20:33
Oldest living teenager.

 Mary Jo Nichols 20:34
Oh, Dick Clark.

 Edwin DeWindt 20:35
Mm-hm

 John Klemanski 20:35
Yeah, it had to be.


 Edwin DeWindt 20:36
That's right.


 George Pickering 20:37


Oh yeah.


- E** Edwin DeWindt 20:38
Who said "A good Englishman shuts himself out of three fourths of his mind and confines himself to one fourth"?
- B** Bernard Green 20:44
Was it an English man?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 20:45
No
- G** George Pickering 20:46
What does it mean?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 20:46
"A good Englishman shuts himself out of three fourths of his mind and confined himself to one fourth". I don't know what it means.
- G** George Pickering 20:54
I can't imagine
- R** Robert O'Neill 20:55
Sounds like a Trenchant analysis but
- E** Edwin DeWindt 20:56
it was an American -
- J** John Klemanski 20:57
Was it a man who gives no quarter and takes none?


 George Pickering 20:57
a philosopher of the 19th century, probably Emerson.


 Edwin DeWindt 21:02
That's right. It was Emerson


 George Pickering 21:03
What on earth did he have in mind?


 Edwin DeWindt 21:05
Who knows


 Robert O'Neill 21:06
He was nibbling on those strange berries at the time.

 Edwin DeWindt 21:08
What was the name of Herman Melville's first novel?

 John Klemanski 21:12
Well, it was -

 Wallace Peace 21:13
Father Of Moby Dick

 Edwin DeWindt 21:14
It was one of those two.

 George Pickering 21:14
Omoo or Typee Omoo

E Edwin DeWindt 21:19
Wrong. (Laughs) Yes. I'll give you half because you knew it belonged there. Name Hester Prinze' famous lover,

G George Pickering 21:22
Typee

J John Klemanski 21:31
Summerfield or Summerset?

G George Pickering 21:34
Dinsdale.

E Edwin DeWindt 21:35
Yes, Dinsdale.

J John Klemanski 21:37
Yeah, the Reverend Dinsdale.


E Edwin DeWindt 21:39
What years did Socrates live? I'll take approximations here.


J John Klemanski 21:45
Well, we're talking BC


G George Pickering 21:48
He died about- what- 399.


E Edwin DeWindt 21:49
That's exactly right


That's exactly right.


 George Pickering 21:51
So 70 years before that.


 Edwin DeWindt 21:53
Yeah. That's it.


 Robert O'Neill 21:55
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 George Pickering 21:55
(Laughs) You go the other way, jerk.

 Bernard Green 22:03
Oh, Yeah, that's right.

 Edwin DeWindt 22:06
Yes, we're doing BC here.

 George Pickering 22:09
Use the other hand. (Laughs)


 Edwin DeWindt 22:13
So 469.


 John Klemanski 22:14
I thought this was a math question.


 Edwin DeWindt 22:17


Who said "Plato is philosophy and philosophy Plato".


 Robert O'Neill 22:22
Etienne Gilson.

 Edwin DeWindt 22:23
No It was an American


 Wallace Peace 22:25
Aristotle Williams


 Edwin DeWindt 22:27
It was a 19th century philosopher.

 George Pickering 22:31
In this country? another Emersonianism?

 Edwin DeWindt 22:33
It's another Emersonian ism. That's right. What is Stevie Nicks real name.

 John Klemanski 22:40
Stephanie Nicks.

 Edwin DeWindt 22:41
Exactly. My question is - Who is Stephanie Nicks?

 John Klemanski 22:45
She is a singer who used to be with Fleetwood Mac. Now is a soloist

 Edwin DeWindt 22:50



Edwin DeWindt 22:59

Okay. What was the original name of the Doobie Brothers Band?



John Klemanski 22:56

I have no idea. I know them as the Doobie Brothers.



Edwin DeWindt 22:59

Pud.



John Klemanski 23:00

I'm not -



Edwin DeWindt 23:03

What is Ringo Starr's real name?



John Klemanski 23:05

Richard Starkey.



Edwin DeWindt 23:06

And what is his - Who is his wife?



George Pickering 23:08

Mrs. Richard Starkey.



John Klemanski 23:10

Currently, Catherine Bach



Edwin DeWindt 23:13

It's Bach, but it's not Catherine.



J John Klemanski 23:16
Barbara

E Edwin DeWindt 23:16
Barbara. Yes. Name Keith Richards' girlfriend and now his wife. Who cares? I'm sorry about that.

W Wallace Peace 23:26
That wasn't very nice.

G George Pickering 23:27
I think Keith Richards probably does.

J John Klemanski 23:28
Is she a singer? Anita Pallenberg.

E Edwin DeWindt 23:30
She's a model, it says here.

G George Pickering 23:32
DuRoss. Kathleen Duross.

E Edwin DeWindt 23:35
No. Patti Henson. Okay. Name a musical instrument that is also a mythological character. Musical Instrument that's kind of like a moveable -

J John Klemanski 23:48
Harpy

G George Pickering 23:48
(Laughs)

E Edwin DeWindt 23:49
organ that you see at circuses run by -

R Robert O'Neill 23:51
Calliope

E Edwin DeWindt 23:53
Calliope. Yes. Who wrote the songs Ebony Eyes and Sentimental Lady, and to what band did he formerly belong?

J John Klemanski 24:03
This is big bands?

E Edwin DeWindt 24:04
No, it's a rock group.

J John Klemanski 24:06
Ebony Eyes, and what was the other one?

E Edwin DeWindt 24:08
Sentimental Lady

J John Klemanski 24:09
Is this from the Eagles?

E Edwin DeWindt 24:10
No, it's a group you mentioned earlier.

G George Pickering 24:13

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Fleetwood Mac?

E

Edwin DeWindt 24:14

Fleetwood Mac.

J

John Klemanski 24:14

Now what was the other question?

G

George Pickering 24:14

Okay, Fleetwood Mac. Who did it.

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Edwin DeWindt 24:18

Who wrote Ebony Eyes and Sentimental Lady?

J

John Klemanski 24:21

Not Stevie Nicks.

E

Edwin DeWindt 24:22

No,

J

John Klemanski 24:23

Mick Fleetwood

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Edwin DeWindt 24:24

Nope.


J

John Klemanski 24:24

Uh, What are the other people's names?

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Edwin DeWindt 24:26


 Edwin DeWindt 24:28
I don't know. Name of a grape juice.


 John Klemanski 24:28
Welch


 George Pickering 24:28
Welch


 Edwin DeWindt 24:29
Yes.

 John Klemanski 24:29
Bob Welch.

 Edwin DeWindt 24:30
Yes. Bob Welch.

 George Pickering 24:32
You got it, John. Boy You're sharp as a tack.

 Robert O'Neill 24:34
He really is.

 George Pickering 24:34
The holiday season just picks us up.

 Edwin DeWindt 24:38
Who are Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice?



- W** Wallace Peace 24:40
They wrote Evita and Jesus Christ Superstar and Joseph and His Multicolored Dreamcoat.
- J** John Klamanski 24:45
Yeah, but who are they?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:46
No That's it. That's the answer.
- J** John Klemanski 24:48
What did they do? Who are they?
- W** Wallace Peace 24:49
His coat of many colors. His multicolored raincoat. I thought I should say something I had been quiet for a long time.
- G** George Pickering 24:56
You really have.
- W** Wallace Peace 24:57
No one knew I was here.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:58
Who has the bizarre first name of Moon Unit?
- M** Mary Jo Nichols 25:06
Frank Zappa's daughter.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 25:07
Yes. Okay. Well, she says, "If these were used, I hope you enjoyed them. I'll probably send in more".

J John Klemanski 25:13
Those are good questions.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:14
Those are good questions, Katie.

W Wallace Peace 25:15
I only got one.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:16
Well, you see, you only missed two and a half.

J John Klemanski 25:19
And we really didn't deserve that penalty on the half there.

G George Pickering 25:22
No, not really. I think that he was grading hard and I'm appealing.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:26
You are?

G George Pickering 25:27
Yes.

J John Klemanski 25:27
You're very unappealing sometimes.

G George Pickering 25:29
I'm very appealing actually

...very appealing hearing.

J John Klemanski 25:30
According to Katie, you are.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:31
Don't forget to show up at the appeal. Our next set of questions comes from who comes from whom? Rita Rooney of Lee, Massachusetts, way out in the western part of the state. "Dear professors. I set the alarm for 7:30am every Sunday just to get smart even though this is my day off". (The professors laugh)

G George Pickering 25:52
Not very smart.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:55
"I hope I stump you with these facts about presidents". Okay, Rita, here we go. Who was the first woman presidential candidate?

J John Klemanski 26:04
Well, way back when probably even before suffrage. Is this a trick question?

E Edwin DeWindt 26:08
It was. It was before suffrage.

W Wallace Peace 26:09
It was. It was the lady who was in the anti slavery movement.

J John Klemanski 26:14
Harriet Tubman

E Edwin DeWindt 26:15
No

G George Pickering 26:16
No, no.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:17
Her first name is the name your wife goes by. In fact is the name - Both of your wives go by this name. First name.

W Wallace Peace 26:27
Caroline.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:28
No.

J John Klemanski 26:29
Well, my wife's name is Victoria.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:31
Yes

W Wallace Peace 26:32
That's it.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:33
Yes.

W Wallace Peace 26:33
Yes. It was Victoria.

J John Klemanski 26:34



Victoria what?



Wallace Peace 26:36

Victoria Walls



John Klemanski 26:37

Queen Victoria ran for the presidency?



Edwin DeWindt 26:40

It begins with a W.



John Klemanski 26:42

Victoria Wallace.



Robert O'Neill 26:44

Welch.



Edwin DeWindt 26:45

No,



John Klemanski 26:46

Victoria -



Edwin DeWindt 26:47

Think of trees.





Mary Jo Nichols 26:48


Woods





Wallace Peace 26:49

 Wallace Peace 20:49
Wood.

 Edwin DeWindt 26:49
Wood


 John Klemanski 26:50
Woodson

 Edwin DeWindt 26:53
Almost. Now what do you call the thing that is the body of a ship?


 Wallace Peace 26:59
Woodhull. Victoria Woodhull.

 Edwin DeWindt 27:01
Yes. Victoria Woodhull.

 George Pickering 27:03
You really made Ed work for that one. My goodness, he did well, too.

 Edwin DeWindt 27:09
It was in 1872 and she was part of the National Women's Suffrage Association.

 George Pickering 27:14
Yes.

 Wallace Peace 27:14
I guess she wasn't against slavery.



G George Pickering 27:17
She probably was.

E Edwin DeWindt 27:18
She probably was.

W Wallace Peace 27:18
But I mean in 1872, who cared? No, but -

G George Pickering 27:21
They were still battling.

E Edwin DeWindt 27:22
Well, we'd like to - We have to stop at this point and pick up with these in our next program. So hang in there Rita. We'll get back to you. I'd like to thank the panel on this wonderful Christmas season. Professor Pickering, Professor O'Neill, Professor Peace, Professor Nichols, Professor Klemansky.

G George Pickering 27:36
Merry Chistmas everybody.

E Edwin DeWindt 27:36
Merry Christmas to all,

W Wallace Peace 27:40
and to all a good night

G George Pickering 27:41
Don't be a stranger now.

E Edwin DeWindt 27:42

That's right. Don't be a stranger. Don't be a stranger.



Michael Jayson 27:46

and I'm Michael Jayson. Thank you for listening to this classic Ask the Professor program from Christmas of 1984. From all of us at University of Detroit Mercy, we wish you a merry Christmas



John Klemanski 27:46

Send in those questions.



Edwin DeWindt 27:46

Send in those questions. Send presents. We'll accept presents. We'll take anything. That's right. Merry Christmas.