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## SPEAKERS

Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Announcer, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Heather Hill, Todd Hibbard

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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 in which 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 to you our panel for today. To my left. He really doesn't want to take his hat off. It's Professor Stephen Manning,
- S** Stephen Manning 00:20  
It's just very cold.
- M** Mara Livezey 00:22  
It's cold out there.
- T** Todd Hibbard 00:23  
We don't want your noggin cold.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:25  
You don't want to get your head cold and you're not going to be able to think big thoughts.
- S** Stephen Manning 00:28  
That's right

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:29  
Exactly. So what's going on, Stephen? Apparently, you're waiting for a painter.

**S** Stephen Manning 00:33  
Yeah. Waiting for painter. The good news is I arranged a conversation with my brother in Phoenix today. Talking - uh, our main discussion was baseball tickets for Cactus League baseball

**H** Heather Hill 00:46  
Yay!

**S** Stephen Manning 00:47  
when we're there in March

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:48  
Now are the Red Sox out there?


**S** Stephen Manning 00:50  
No, the Red Sox are in Grapefruit League. Yeah, this is Cactus League. So I think we're seeing San Diego and San Francisco.


**H** Heather Hill 00:50  
No,


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:56  
That's not bad. That's great.


**S** Stephen Manning 00:58  
Big discussion about whether we're sitting in the sun or sitting in the shade.


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:03  
Big discussion


 Heather Hill 01:05  
I wasn't part of this

 Stephen Manning 01:07  
I asked you where do you want to sit, an you said as long as we get to go to a game.


 Heather Hill 01:10  
Oh, yeah. I did say that.


 Stephen Manning 01:11  
I told him that and -

 Heather Hill 01:13  
It's fun.

 Stephen Manning 01:14  
It is fun.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:14  
Someone who really likes baseball is Professor Heather Hill. I know that for dang sure.

 Heather Hill 01:18  
For dang sure.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:20  
Dang sure.



**H** Heather Hill 01:21  
Let's see what the Red Sox can do this year. Let's

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:24  
Yes, they got a nice little couple pickups.

**H** Heather Hill 01:27  
They did.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:27  
Yep. The Tigers didn't but okay.

**S** Stephen Manning 01:31  
Lost more than they picked up.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:32  
Yes.

**S** Stephen Manning 01:35  
We will actually go to Fenway Park this summer, we're planning a trip to New England -

**H** Heather Hill 01:39  
We are.

**S** Stephen Manning 01:40  
because her whole family is in New England -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:41  
Okay,

**S** Stephen Manning 01:42  
and we're both from there. And then we've never been there before to show, you know, our elementary schools we went to and all that neat stuff.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:49  
Nice

**S** Stephen Manning 01:49  
We have to start looking at the Red Sox schedule.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:51  
Yes, you do.

**S** Stephen Manning 01:52  
For Fenway. Excellent. I don't know Tigers upped their fees. I shouldn't say any numbers. But usually you get like a bad team and a good like cheap party suite. And that was not on the table this year. So we'll talk about that off the air. Is this what's his name's last year?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:10  
It is this Cabrera's last year? It is his last year, and he's not even going to play every game. So he's gonna be platooned.

**M** Mara Livezey 02:10  
Takin' it easy.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:20  
Yep. Someone who never needs a platoon. I don't know, I just made that up. It's Professor Todd Hibbard.

**T** Todd Hibbard 02:26  
Hey, hey!

**H** Heather Hill 02:26  
What does that mean?

**T** Todd Hibbard 02:27  
I know. Right? I don't know

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:29  
Someone who loves the movie PLATOON, Professor Todd Hibbard.

**T** Todd Hibbard 02:32  
But on a completely different note - As a former resident of Lakeland, Florida, I used to get to see a lot of Tigers spring training. In fact, several of the Tigers players used our apartment complex as their spring training abode.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:33  
Nice!

**T** Todd Hibbard 02:43  
So I will never forget the first spring I was there and walking out of my apartment. And this is a throwback, so you have to be a true Tigers fan to get the reference. But walking out of my front door and standing right across from me was Mike Henneman.

**M** Mara Livezey 02:43  
Ooh!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:01  
Mike Henneman.

**S** Stephen Manning 03:02  
Wow!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:03  
I love it.

T Todd Hibbard 03:03  
I was like "You're Mike Henneman". And he said, "I am". And, um -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:09  
That's awesome.

T Todd Hibbard 03:09  
Yeah, thus began - No, not a friendship.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:12  
(Laughs)

H Heather Hill 03:14  
Thus began the story.

T Todd Hibbard 03:16  
That's right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:16  
The Grapefruit League

T Todd Hibbard 03:17  
That's right

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:18  
Yes. Continuing around the table, Professor Mara Livezey is here from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

M Mara Livezey 03:24  
Hello

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:25  
How are you doing, Mara?

M Mara Livezey 03:27  
I'm doing very well. Today, a research student and I embarked on a new journey together -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:34  
Really?

M Mara Livezey 03:35  
of interviewing students to do qualitative education research.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:41  
Oh, That's great.

M Mara Livezey 03:41  
And it was wild.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:42  
Awesome

M Mara Livezey 03:43  
I interviewed the student that I know well, because they're my advisee. But in this 45 minute interview, I just learned so much more about them. I'm like, "Wow, this just like, made my day."

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:57



Awesome!

**T** Todd Hibbard 03:57

Good!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:58

Is there anything - without names - that you can share that was interesting to find out about this student?

**M** Mara Livezey 04:03

Yeah, you know, this student started college during COVID. So it started remote, and then coming back to school produced some social anxiety, and then learning about this student's kind of self work and growth to like being more communicative, reaching out to people, forming friendships. So, it's just beautiful

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:23

That is awesome. You know, we'll take the positive things when they come because there's been some tough days these last few weeks, but -

**M** Mara Livezey 04:30

So many tough days lately.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:31

We're getting there. Folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If stump the panel, we win a prize. You can send us 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 play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy.

**A** Announcer 04:51

Matt and the professors: Steve Price of Portland, Oregon writes, "Dear professors, I shall not begin this message as my nephew began his valedictory speech, graduating from law school, 'Honored professors, other professors', because all of you are highly honored. Here's some questions concerning what I think are cool facts. Get six out of eight correct to pass. And I'm supplying you with your ASK THE PROFESSOR Imponderable at the end". Thank you, Steve. Price of Portland, Oregon. First an easy one. What did actor Robert Wuhl, in one of his most memorable roles, suggest as the best all purpose wedding gift?

H Heather Hill 05:34  
Candlesticks?

A Announcer 05:35  
Candlesticks is the correct answer. From what movie?

H Heather Hill 05:39  
Bull Durham?

A Announcer 05:40  
Bull Durham. That's right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:42  
Number two, Dorothy Parker was a famous wit and an accomplished writer. What did Miss Parker believe were the two most beautiful words of the English language?

H Heather Hill 05:52  
The two most beautiful words in the English language

M Mara Livezey 05:55  
Not now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:57  
So you're on the right track.

M Mara Livezey 05:59  
Really?

T Todd Hibbard 06:00

Wait. What did you say?

M Mara Livezey 06:01

I said, "Not now".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:03

The hint is "For Parker writing was a job. Not a hobby."

M Mara Livezey 06:09

The end?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:10

"The end" is getting closer. Getting closer. No, I think you'd need to be about 1000 billion times more acerbic to get this right. Yeah, exactly. No, um, the correct answer is "Check enclosed" were the two most beautiful words in the English language. Very, very nice. From the VIKING PORTABLE Dorothy Parker, second revised edition, page 11. Very nice. Let's see, On what legendary movie, (I don't even think that I knew this), In what legendary movie was Dorothy Parker a screenwriter for? No hint on this one too. So you're gonna have to go kind of, kind of raw. Yeah. Very famous, sort of funny writer.

M Mara Livezey 06:21

"Shut up".

S Stephen Manning 06:55

What year was the - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:57

It doesn't have the - I mean, it would have been Golden Age-ish. And it's a drama. It's not necessarily a comedy. It was recently remade, Oh my gosh, like literally one or two years ago. And it won a bunch of Academy Awards as the remake. It's uh - Did it star Lady Gaga in the main role?

H Heather Hill 07:17

OH A STAR IS BORN?

OH, A STAR IS BORN?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:18  
A STAR IS BORN. She was a screenwriter for the original STAR IS BORN. Yeah.

**S** Stephen Manning 07:22  
And the original was in what year?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:24  
Oh, gosh.

**M** Mara Livezey 07:25  
How many versions of that movie have there been?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:28  
Yeah, exactly. It's been a while. "On to a subject somewhat less dangerous than antagonizing Dorothy Parker". Thanks, Steve. "In professional wrestling, what's a hooker?" What's a hooker

**T** Todd Hibbard 07:43  
A chokehold of some sort or

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:44  
You're getting close

**S** Stephen Manning 07:47  
A headlock?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:48  
Your hint is "A hooker could defeat even a highly skilled wrestler"



**S** Stephen Manning 07:54  
A chokehold?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:57  
No

**M** Mara Livezey 07:58  
Is it when they get knocked out, and so of course, they're defeated?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:01  
No, no,

**H** Heather Hill 08:02  
When you take the rope from around the thing and put it around their neck?

**S** Stephen Manning 08:07  
A leg lock

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:08  
No. I think that the issue here is that you're thinking sort of concepts and objects and moves, but it's actually a person. I think that's probably the only other clue I can give you.

**H** Heather Hill 08:18  
Oh, the ref ?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:19  
No it's not the ref. That's a good guess.

**S** Stephen Manning 08:21  
The trainer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:22  
No, it's not the trainer.

S Stephen Manning 08:23  
Some to get the person out of the ring.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:25  
Everybody gets one guess, so I need Mara and Todd to chime in.

T Todd Hibbard 08:30  
The ringmaster?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:30  
Not the ringmaster.

M Mara Livezey 08:31  
Can you read the question again.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:33  
In professional wrestling, what was a hooker? A hint was: "A hooker could easily defeat a highly skilled wrestler."

T Todd Hibbard 08:43  
No pressure, Mara.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:44  
No pressure. Last person left.

M Mara Livezey 08:46  
It's a person and not an object?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:48  
It is a person. Yeah. It's pretty interesting. Pretty interesting stuff.

T Todd Hibbard 08:53  
Could defeat a professional.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:55  
No idea?

M Mara Livezey 08:56  
Did someone already say their trainer?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:58  
Yes.

M Mara Livezey 08:58  
Okay. Well, then I have no guess.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:00  
So a hooker was a wrestler who knew many of the hooks of the old carnival wrestling days; because in those days, carnivals had a wrestler who would take all comers to earn money. So the carnivals did not want to pay prize money, the carnival wrestlers developed a collection of painful or crippling holds that were either unknown or illegal in conventional wrestling, and enable the carnival wrestler to defeat even a highlyskilled challenger.

H Heather Hill 09:29  
Like the Vulcan death grip?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:30  
Like the death grip. Absolutely. I'm sorry, I can't help myself. I'll try not to go into too much detail; but for Christmas this year, my wife and I purchased Starwath for my parents, if you're

detail, but for Christmas this year, my wife and I purchased Storyworth for my parents, if you're familiar with it?

H Heather Hill 09:43

No

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:44

They get one question every week for 52 weeks and they will digitize, type in their responses; and then it gets assembled into a beautiful sort of hardbound book at the end of the following year, as sort of an answer to their life story. And you can even do it more frequently than a week, it was very, very nice. And I was, just before coming over here, reading my dad's response to last week's question which involved what big trips did you take when you were little? And he had gone to a summer camp where on the very last night, everybody goes to sleep. And then you get roused several hours later, "It's time for the fights to begin". My dad was kind of a tall, thin, scrawny guy, you might have seen that trope before; and he's like, "What the heck is going on? It's time for the fights". Oh, last night, there's the fights. And he got a nickname and everything and had to fight a bunch of people.

H Heather Hill 10:40

Fisticuffs

T Todd Hibbard 10:40

Oh my gosh.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:41

Yeah, just the most odd thing.

S Stephen Manning 10:43

I have a very bad memory about that, when I went into a camp; because I was like your dad skinny, small, the 98 pound weakling. And they matched me against the next smallest kid who was about twice my size.

M Mara Livezey 11:01

Ooh!



**S** Stephen Manning 11:01

And I remember the ring. It was boxing not wrestling. The ring was up here, but I remember the thing was very bouncy, so you couldn't even get your footing. It was like a trampoline. Like boxing in a trampoline. But this kid was very, very stable and I was bouncing around. I got demolished.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:22

They had to stop the fight. Wow.

**H** Heather Hill 11:25

Where is this kid now? I'm going after him.

**T** Todd Hibbard 11:27

That's right. Let's track him down.

**S** Stephen Manning 11:28

The YMCA camp on Cape Cod.

**H** Heather Hill 11:30

I'm gonna look him up on Facebook. What was his name?

**T** Todd Hibbard 11:33

Did you ever ask yourself what your parents were trying to say to you?

**H** Heather Hill 11:37

Yeah, right.

**S** Stephen Manning 11:39

I called them midweek and said, "Could you come pick me up a week early?" They had their schedule because the three boys cycled through the camp.



**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:47  
Right.

**S** Stephen Manning 11:47  
You know, they would come down on the weekend and pick one up and drop the other one off. They'd have the whole summer off.

**H** Heather Hill 11:54  
Well, not exactly because - Nevermind.

**S** Stephen Manning 11:57  
But, if you weren't there you went to the grandparents. Anyway.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:01  
What is a Gandy Dancer?

**H** Heather Hill 12:03  
A Gandy Dancer? There was a famous restaurant in Ann Arbor the Gandy Gancer, but what is a Gandy Dancer?

**S** Stephen Manning 12:10  
Gandy dancer, I've heard that phrase.

**H** Heather Hill 12:12  
Is it a type of food?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:15  
It is not it is a person.

**S** Stephen Manning 12:17  
It's a cocktail.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:17  
Your hint is - It is. -I believe there's a cocktail, same name.

T Todd Hibbard 12:21  
Really? Think of Gordon Lightfoot. He refers to them as navvies in one of his songs.

S Stephen Manning 12:30  
Navvies

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:30  
If only we had a Canadian ringer on this show, you know?

M Mara Livezey 12:36  
Is it like a deckwasher on a boat?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:39  
I mean, it is a job

M Mara Livezey 12:40  
A job?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:41  
You're getting close, but it has nothing to do with being a seafarer.

S Stephen Manning 12:44  
Does it have anything to do with dancing?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:47  
It has nothing to do with dancing.

H Heather Hill 12:48  
How do you spell Gandy?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:50  
G-a-n d-y

H Heather Hill 12:52  
That does not help

T Todd Hibbard 12:52  
I keep thinking gander.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:55  
(Laughs)

T Todd Hibbard 12:55  
What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

M Mara Livezey 12:57  
Is it a bird related job?

T Todd Hibbard 12:59  
Is it a bird related job- sweeping out the -

S Stephen Manning 13:01  
sweeping out the parrot cage?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:03  
I think the best bird I could probably give you is I would give you the best job to the setting of this

I think the last hint I could probably give you is - I would say pretty key job to the settling of this country, coast to coast.

**T** Todd Hibbard 13:03  
Yeah

**S** Stephen Manning 13:15  
Coast to coast. So westward expansion.

**H** Heather Hill 13:19  
Pioneering

**T** Todd Hibbard 13:20  
Railroads? Something to do with railroads?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:22  
It has to do with railroads. I'm giving a pass on that one. It's the person who lays the ties down.

**H** Heather Hill 13:28  
There you go. Alright, Todd!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:29  
"You can look it up on Wikipedia," Steve says, "but this was one of my summer jobs in college."

**M** Mara Livezey 13:35  
Wow.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:35  
"So put me down as the source".



T Todd Hibbard 13:37  
All right.

H Heather Hill 13:38  
Thanks Steve.

T Todd Hibbard 13:39  
A Gandy Dancer.

S Stephen Manning 13:40  
I wonder where the phrase for that job comes from.

T Todd Hibbard 13:43  
And what cocktail accompanies that job

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:45  
Seriously. Probably not a gandy dancer. It's all Manhattan's at that level. Let me tell you, the driest vermouth you can get. At the onset of the Civil War, I believe the American Civil War, what was the wealth of the South and what percentage of that wealth was in humans? Ooh, my.

H Heather Hill 14:04  
Can you say that question again? I'm sorry.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:06  
Yes. At the onset of the Civil War, what was the wealth of the South, and what percentage of that wealth was in human beings? So this is the way the response is being presented - in dollars. So the total wealth of the South and then at what percentage of that wealth was tied up in owning human beings? Is it in the millions?

T Todd Hibbard 14:26  
It's in the billions of dollars .

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:27  
It's in the billions

T Todd Hibbard 14:28  
Yeah, \$4 billion, or something like that? Or am I -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:32  
You're pretty close. The hint says "The percentage shows that Deep Throat would have been correct even back then". I like these -

H Heather Hill 14:40  
Follow the money?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:41  
Follow the money. Yes, follow the money. So it says it's 22 billion. In terms of orders of 10 I think you're already close

T Todd Hibbard 14:49  
22?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:50  
Because we have individual humans worth 22-billion in the year 2023, but 50% of that was -

T Todd Hibbard 14:58  
I would have guessed higher.

M Mara Livezey 14:58  
Yeah. I was think 70, but - 50 I was gonna guess higher too.

T Todd Hibbard 15:00

I was gonna guess 60.

**S** Stephen Manning 15:01  
That's why they were so willing to fight.

**T** Todd Hibbard 15:04  
Heck yeah.

**S** Stephen Manning 15:05  
60%

**T** Todd Hibbard 15:06  
I would've given up \$11 billion -- unless you're Mark Zuckerberg on Tuesday.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:10  
Stephanie McCurry is the author of History The Slaves South. What was the cause of the Civil War? "Follow the money", is what Steve says. In the aftermath of the Civil War, what did General Sheridan say about Hell And Texas?

**M** Mara Livezey 15:29  
They're one in the same.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:31  
You know, you can - It's great that you went there. But there's another level to this question.

**H** Heather Hill 15:38  
All Texans should go to Hell?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:39  
I mean, getting closer. Yeah. Getting - getting closer. The hint - I'm sorry. It has to do with opposition to Reconstruction, to surprisingly, opposition to Reconstruction. What did general Sheridan say about Hell and Texas? This is from Dubois Black Reconstruction In America



Sherridan say about Hell and Texas. This is from Dubois Black Reconstruction in America.

H Heather Hill 15:52

Oh, I was just looking at that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:00

Everything is cited. This is great. You know what he said, professors? He said, "If I owned both Hell and Texas, I would live in Hell, but rent Texas".

M Mara Livezey 16:10

Yeah. Wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:12

Yeah. So you just weren't harsh enough., Mara.

T Todd Hibbard 16:15

Yeah, right

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:17

Jeez. What writer said about what honor "In my heart, there may be doubt that I deserve this honor over other men of letters who I hold and respect and reverence, but there's no question of my pleasure and pride in having that prize for myself". Who was the author? What was the prize? No hint on this one.

S Stephen Manning 16:37

The Nobel Prize for Literature.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:40

It's the Nobel Prize for Literature, famous American author,

S Stephen Manning 16:43

some American author with with some level of humility

H Heather Hill 16:47  
Mark Twain?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:48  
Not Mark Twain

S Stephen Manning 16:50  
Faulkner? I could give you initials, but I'm afraid it would give it away.

T Todd Hibbard 16:53  
Hemingway?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:53  
It wasn't Hemingway. Initials J S. You're in the same boat here.

H Heather Hill 17:00  
John Steinbeck?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:01  
Steinbeck, the Nobel Prize for Literature. I felt like there was actually a little bit of snark there, Stephen.

S Stephen Manning 17:09  
Oh, no. I was gonna say that or the Pulitzer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:12  
Yes.

S Stephen Manning 17:13

What year was that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:14

It did not say. That was from the Viking Portable Steinbeck (Revised Edition), page 698.

T Todd Hibbard 17:22

Do you have a Portable Steinbeck?

S Stephen Manning 17:24

I have some Steinbeck.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:25

You don't have one? Some, you don't have one, like in your back pocket?

T Todd Hibbard 17:28

(Laughs)

H Heather Hill 17:28

The Portable John Steinbeck. Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:31

What are Friedrich, Roux and Petrus? I'll go right to the hint on this one. "This question is designed to puzzle you. These are not prospective 2023 Tigers doubleplay combinations." Friedrich Rue and Petrus. Roux is R-o-u-x. I actually learned this from my about-to-turn-15-year-old son a couple of years ago.

H Heather Hill 18:03

Are these characters in some sort of a game?

T Todd Hibbard 18:05

Are they Pokemon? They're not people and they're not sort of -

M Mara Livezey 18:09  
Definitely not Pokemon.

T Todd Hibbard 18:11  
I don't know anything about either one.

S Stephen Manning 18:14  
They're not cooking things.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:16  
They're not cooking things. Okay, we're getting closer.

S Stephen Manning 18:18  
Names of - No, not names.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:20  
It has to do with games

T Todd Hibbard 18:22  
Are they characters in video games?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:24  
They are not from video games, but that's a good guess, since I mentioned my son. I'll give you partial credit.

M Mara Livezey 18:28  
Board games? A card game.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:29

Board games is getting closer, but not exactly. Not cards either. It's sort of like an independent handheld game that's been around since the 80s. And it's not electronic Rubik's Cube moves. That's right. Exactly. Absolutely. Yes. Friedrich is the most widely used of three Rubik's Cube moves mentioned. This is, um- Is anybody familiar with speed cubing? How the people will solve it with one hand as quickly as they can. The world record is less than two seconds.

M Mara Livezey 18:41  
Rubik's Cube

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:03  
It's like amazing. I have no idea how they do it. (Makes the sound of a rapidly moving Rubik's Cube) Real fast.

M Mara Livezey 19:03  
Oh my gosh What? No.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:08  
You won't even believe it if you see it.

T Todd Hibbard 19:11  
One of my students this semester, she told me that she's a speed Rubik's Cube solver.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:15  
There you go. I asked her what her fastest time was and she wouldn't divulge. Ohhh

H Heather Hill 19:21  
Wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:22  
Yeah. Interesting. "Professors: several years ago, the panel correctly answered my question - ". I guess Steve has sent questions before. I'm so sorry, Steve.

- H** Heather Hill 19:30  
"about what caused the end of the slide rule industry. The answer was, of course, the introduction of affordable calculator by Texas Instruments. This is a bit of a follow up. What did Texas Instruments do to make sure its calculator would supplant the slide rule?" Yeah
- M** Mara Livezey 19:48  
They installed the game Block Man.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:50  
I mean, that's a good guess.
- M** Mara Livezey 19:52  
That I played for so long.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:56  
The hint is "What applies to any tool?" That's your hint. "What applies to any tool?"
- S** Stephen Manning 20:01  
A long battery life.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:04  
No, that's not what it says here.
- M** Mara Livezey 20:07  
And "ON" button.
- T** Todd Hibbard 20:09  
Applies to any tool.
- H** Heather Hill 20:10  
Portability?

**S** Stephen Manning 20:12  
They bought out all the slide rule companies.

**T** Todd Hibbard 20:14  
They bought the patent

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:15  
Getting closer, Todd.

**H** Heather Hill 20:17  
They burnt all the slide rules.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:19  
(Laughs) They declared slide rules against God.

**M** Mara Livezey 20:24  
They made it affordable.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:26  
I mean, sure, so that was - It did say affordable electronic calculator by T.I., but they had to go one step further. Yeah

**H** Heather Hill 20:34  
They gave them away for free.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:35  
I mean, that's a good answer. Very good capitalistic answers. You know what they did, they produced a book to go with the calculator that showed them that it could solve everything from balancing a checkbook to trig statistics, physics, chemistry, etc. They showed that it was applicable to lots of different kinds of people.

M Mara Livezey 20:53  
Application. Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:55  
I didn't get the book for the hammer that I bought a few years ago, I should probably go back and try to figure that out.

T Todd Hibbard 21:00  
That explains a lot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:01  
Yes. A priest was brought in to give Voltaire his last rites, when the priest asked Voltaire if he renounced Satan, what was Voltaire's most famous reply? Voltaire. I've never heard this before. This is great. it's a comedic response? This is a pretty solid response.

H Heather Hill 21:23  
Renounce Satan. "How can I renounce myself?"

T Todd Hibbard 21:30  
Yeah.

M Mara Livezey 21:31  
"What? my good friend Satan?"

T Todd Hibbard 21:32  
He probably said something about the priest being there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:35  
Something about the priest being there? Uh, sort of. It's sort of hard to - Yeah,



**H** Heather Hill 21:41  
"Will you renounce Satan with me?"

**S** Stephen Manning 21:43  
"No, thanks."

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:46  
No

**T** Todd Hibbard 21:46  
He sent his five lieutenants throughout the boroughs.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:49  
(Laughs)I mean, the thing is, you're all doing this wonderful little dance, dance around, because you have a pretty good idea what Voltaire may have said. He apparently said, "Now now, my good man, this is no time for me to be making enemies". I thought that was cute. Yes.

**M** Mara Livezey 22:07  
Ooh, Not this Close.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:08  
Not this Close. Okay, thanks so much, Steve, from Portland, Oregon, for sending us those questions. They were great. "Thank you. By the way, I wish you all a wonderful 2023" You too Steve, and I'm sorry for not recognizing you had sent us questions before. You've included an Imponderable. And that is awesome. Frankly, if people started putting a quick Imponderable at the end of every set of questions, you know you're gonna be getting on the air. An Imponderable, Todd, is we have a listener, Frank Burroughs, and he and his family want to know more about us. So they send us questions like, "Tell us your favorite movie", and you know, things like that.

**H** Heather Hill 22:42  
Why do you want to know more about us?



**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:46  
Don't you want to know more about us?

**H** Heather Hill 22:48  
Oh, always.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:50  
Here it is - "Which book from your freshman year in college had the biggest impact on you? This doesn't have to be anything assigned. Just something that being a freshman caused you to read" Oh, my

**T** Todd Hibbard 23:03  
Freshman year of college

**H** Heather Hill 23:04  
I can't remember that far back.

**T** Todd Hibbard 23:05  
I know that's asking me to remember a long time ago.

**H** Heather Hill 23:09  
I think the youngest one should go first. Mara.

**M** Mara Livezey 23:15  
Book that impacted me from my freshman year?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:21  
I had a good book that I read. And it was assigned for a class and it's not some Chemistry textbook or anything, but it was what's his face? You know, because really, it was really memorable. It was 10 Philosophical Mistakes. I had to read it for Philosophy 1000.

**M** Mara Livezey 23:38

Mara Livezey 23:30  
Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:38  
with Vaughn Adams. And that was, that was a good class. I liked that class a lot.

M Mara Livezey 23:45  
I'm - so I'm not gonna remember the name of this book. But my freshman writing seminar was about, like, food and ethical production of food. And so we read The Omnivore's Dilemma. And like that impacted me. And I'm not remembering the name of this other book that we read. But it was about how pigs are raised. And so learning about like, you know, how livestock in general are raised in this country was super impactful to me and changed the way that I think about buying and eating meat.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:22  
Nice.

H Heather Hill 24:22  
Wow, that was really good.

T Todd Hibbard 24:23  
Yeah, I like that a lot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:25  
Omnivore's Dilemma that gets a big thumbs up.

M Mara Livezey 24:27  
Sounds like a good book. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:28  
Eat food. Not so much. Mostly plants. There you go. There's your diet. All right, three parts of the table very silent right now.

T Todd Hibbard 24:38

So I don't know if this was for my first year of college. But I can say that I only kept one book from my college career. So I started my college career with a different major than I ended with. So, in my first major, I only kept one book. And I carted this book around. We moved quite a bit in my 20s and 30s. And I carted this book around with me all over the country. And my wife would always say, "Why are we carrying this book around?" It was my textbook for Statistics.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:48

Wow! I love it.

T Todd Hibbard 25:13

Which - I took stats, I don't know if it was my first or second year, but I had never had a statistics class. And it blew my mind. I thought that was the coolest thing ever.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:16

I love it.

T Todd Hibbard 25:16

And I kept this stats book and carted it. It was it was four inches thick. And we would cart this thing around. And finally, the last move we made, my wife said, "This book is not coming with us.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:34

Oh, no.

T Todd Hibbard 25:35

So I parted with my Stats book.n"It's either me or the book." And it was really a toss up there for a little bit. (laughs) So yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:46

I like that. I like that.

T Todd Hibbard 25:47

So when I hear the students have to take stats here, I say, "You know, you never know. It might change your life."

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:52  
Absolutely.

**T** Todd Hibbard 25:53  
You might wind up with the book forever.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:56  
I actually don't remember very much, considering I was in this building when I had Philosophy 1000, from The 10 Philosophical Mistakes except for the first one, which is "Never confuse happiness for contentment". And it had a similar effect on me for the rest of my life, thinking about that. And that was barely the beginning of that course. I think we had seven books that we had to read cover to cover, Plato and all this stuff. But that one was a quick read.

**H** Heather Hill 26:23  
Can you imagine presenting that syllabus to one of our students today?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:26  
I can't even imagine They would just - it was Mortimer Adler, by the way, the author was the original modern editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica. That's who wrote that.

**S** Stephen Manning 26:36  
And you took this with Vaughn Adams? Vaughn Adams. Yeah, who I'm sure you remember. That's the guy I was thinking about Yeah, Professor Adams..

**H** Heather Hill 26:41  
Oh!

**S** Stephen Manning 26:42  
We were involved in the union when I first got here. And he retired within two years. I think. I met him very, very briefly, but I remember him. Yeah. No, I remember him

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:55  
30 years ago. Heather.

**H** Heather Hill 26:56  
The Norton Anthology of English Literature, Volume One A. No, no, I actually was trying to think. I think, you know, I'm remembering and I still have this book somewhere. I think it's in my office upstairs. The Name of the Rose. I took my first - I was allowed to take a 300 level medieval history course.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:56  
Of course you were,

**H** Heather Hill 27:02  
And - as a freshman or first year student, and I still have the copy.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:23  
I love that. And that was before the movie came out, obviously. Of course. That was great. And honestly, I'm gonna reiterate again that anybody who sends in a set of questions finishing with an Imponderable - we've got the Burroughs imponderables list, we can always go back to it - but that was a very nice place for us to begin and end, so I'll tell you what, folks, that is all the time that we have for today. I'd like to thank our panel Stephen, Todd, Heather, and Mara. And now these words.

**A** Announcer 27:56  
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**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:07  
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