

Ask The Professor

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Matt Mio 0:00

The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on 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, from the Department of Philosophy, it's Professor Beth Oljar.

Beth Oljar 0:21

Hi, Matt. Good to be here.

Matt Mio 0:22

Yes, thanks for the - Well, I haven't even gotten the thing that you sent me. (Laughs) But thanks anyway. Thanks in advance

Beth Oljar 0:30

Thanks in advance for the funny text you sent me.

Matt Mio 0:32

Oh my gosh, I'm sorry. I also laughed extra out loud because someone sent me this week - This on-fire lifelike skeleton cartoon sitting in front of an old CRT monitor. And behind the skeleton, it says, "We hope this email finds you well". Like, oh, that sort of approximates my day-to-day life. So I printed it out, and I put it at work, and I put it on the fridge at home. So it's like, yeah, this is like the way that we work around here.

Beth Oljar 1:03

That's right.

Matt Mio 1:04

So who is driving you wild? I saw - Is that the Intro book that you had in there a second ago?

Beth Oljar 1:08

The big fat one?

Matt Mio 1:09

Yeah

Beth Oljar 1:09

No, it's that's for Early Modern

Matt Mio 1:13

Early Modern

Beth Oljar 1:14

Descartes to Kant

Matt Mio 1:15

So that's a big deal. I mean, that's every other year kind, of course, or -?

Beth Oljar 1:19

Marty and I alternate it usually, but I haven't taught it in a while, which is why I feel like so uncertain and sort of discombobulated with respect to it. But yeah, we have a cycle for the history courses. So we're always running at least one every semester. So Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, Contemporary,

Matt Mio 1:39

Nice

Beth Oljar 1:40

Except for - you know, it's the philosopher's sense of time. So for us, the modern period is 1641 to 1787. Right? So -

Matt Mio 1:48

(Laughs) I was about to say, "but those guys weren't alive last week. So - "

Beth Oljar 1:51

That's right.

Matt Mio 1:52

Yeah, that's all right. There's postmodern, post-postmodern -

Beth Oljar 1:57

There's five minutes we're never gonna get back again, worrying about post modernism.

Matt Mio 2:03

Professor Stephen Manning is also here with us. You're looking really orange today.

Stephen Manning 2:07

Orange

Matt Mio 2:08

It's good, because then you don't get run over when you run.

Stephen Manning 2:10

You're always mentioning my color. Last year, you mentioned my red shirt. Today, it's orange.

Matt Mio 2:15

It is - It's quite bright. It's almost like you're rooting for the Netherlands.

Stephen Manning 2:18

(Laughs)

Beth Oljar 2:20

Or - you're wearing the colors of my high school, which is really kind of sad.

Stephen Manning 2:24

Oh, there you go.

Matt Mio 2:25

Because it's the Oregon State colors, I believe are black and orange. Right?

Beth Oljar 2:28

But also Beaverton High School.

Stephen Manning 2:31

Beaverton High School

Beth Oljar 2:32

Home of the Beavers.

Stephen Manning 2:33

Wow.

Matt Mio 2:33

But I mean, there's a reason why you wear colors like that when you're running. Right? I mean, you want to make sure people see you and stuff like that.

Stephen Manning 2:39

Yeah. Yeah, well, although I drove the car here.

Matt Mio 2:43

Okay. (Laughs)

Stephen Manning 2:44

We ran this morning, but I didn't wear this. But yes, you're right.

Heather Hill 2:48

Well, that's the tech shirt that they gave us for the Belle Isle New Year's Eve Run.

Matt Mio 2:52

That's right. Oh, just from the previous year. Yeah

Stephen Manning 2:55

Yeah. New Year's couple of months ago.

Heather Hill 2:56

The year before it was nicer, I think.

Beth Oljar 2:56

That seems like a lot of effort to put in to get a piece of clothing - having to run a -

Stephen Manning 3:03

That's not why we do it, Beth.

Heather Hill 3:05

Technically, we pay.

Stephen Manning 3:07

Although, having said that though, when we get something chintzy - even when we get like a cotton t shirt, long sleeve or short sleeve - we don't want that.

Heather Hill 3:17

We don't want cotton

Stephen Manning 3:18

We want stuff we run it Yeah.

Matt Mio 3:20

Yeah, exactly.

Heather Hill 3:20

When we do like the half marathon, we've seen signs in Canada. They're so funny there across the border They have signs that will say "This is what you paid for - and a banana"

Matt Mio 3:33

(Laughs)

Stephen Manning 3:34

Yeah, they're very funny. They're very creative over there. You go over the bridge and then you - it's Riverside Drive.

Matt Mio 3:40

Right.

Stephen Manning 3:40

You come back and come through the tunnel, and there are a lot of people out there, a lot of housing. People out there.

Heather Hill 3:46

Yes, they're very nice.

Stephen Manning 3:46

The signs are very creative. They're very funny, far more than the American side.

Heather Hill 3:50

I know. It's really cool. Yeah, "You paid - This is what you got for - "

Stephen Manning 3:54

Yeah, "You paid for this?"

Heather Hill 3:56

"Remember, you paid for this."

Stephen Manning 3:57

At that point, we're at like five or six miles and it's beginning to hurt a little bit, and we're saying "You know they've got a point"

Heather Hill 4:04

They've got a point, because you've gotta pay.

Beth Oljar 4:06

"I did this - why?"

Stephen Manning 4:06

You could be home having brunch or something.

Matt Mio 4:10

Wow.

Beth Oljar 4:11

Or sleeping.

Stephen Manning 4:12

We did a different one up by Somerset this past year.

Heather Hill 4:14

Yeah, that one was fun.

Stephen Manning 4:15

It was better. Yeah.

Matt Mio 4:16

Are you referring to the one they called The Turkey Trot or is there a different version of it?

Beth Oljar 4:20

That's - You've done that one before.

Matt Mio 4:22

The Turkey Trot's like a free-for-all, right? It's not really- like - organized

Heather Hill 4:25

The downtown Turkey Trot is an organized one, and it's - But what you get for what you do.

Matt Mio 4:32

I see. Okay,



What you pay for what you get - it's not worth it

Stephen Manning 4:34

Well, and we finished and we're certainly - I don't know if we did the five or 10K.

Heather Hill 4:39

We're off that one. We did a ten.

Stephen Manning 4:39

We finished, but we were certainly not at the front of the - you know, we take our time - to put it mildly. We get there and they had the water. You always have water -

Matt Mio 4:51

Sure

Stephen Manning 4:51

when you finish. The water was on these huge pallets. It wasn't even unwrapped yet. And we're - I mean, people finished way ahead of us. Right? And - "Where's the water?" They haven't even cut the - You know they're in the wrap stuff.

Matt Mio 5:05

I love it.

Stephen Manning 5:06

But our next one is a week from tomorrow.

Heather Hill 5:08

Yeah, the Paczki Run.

Stephen Manning 5:10

The Paczki Run. Yes.

Dan Maggio 5:11

So, you don't eat a Paczki before or during the race.

Heather Hill 5:14

No after.

Dan Maggio 5:15

Wouldn't it be more fun if you did?

Heather Hill 5:17

No,

Matt Mio 5:18

I think it might hurt a little bit. Those, of course, being the dulcet tones of Professor Dan Maggio of the FIRST organization -

Heather Hill 5:24

Dan! Dan! Dan!

Matt Mio 5:25

who almost jumped out of his chair at the word Paczki. And why the heck not.

Dan Maggio 5:25

How many marathons have I run?

Matt Mio 5:25

0.0?

I wouldn't necessarily call this a marathon. So don't worry about it.

Stephen Manning 5:37

You've seen those things on the back of a car?

Matt Mio 5:39

Absolutely.

Dan Maggio 5:39

Yes.

Matt Mio 5:40

0.0 is my speed too. Don't worry. Don't worry. So what's going on, Dan? Do you have any plans for Fat Tuesday? This is important stuff.

Dan Maggio 5:40

No, I don't. But I am looking forward to the fish fry's. I'm already lining up - like all the nights.

Beth Oljar 5:53

I think you're really the only genuine Catholic here.

Matt Mio 5:57

I just - you know,

Heather Hill 6:00

You actually give something up for lent.

Dan Maggio 6:01

Can we expect Shrine's fish bake to return?

Matt Mio 6:05

I mean, this would be the year to come back. They are doing - Shrine is doing a "Paczki on the Porch". And you don't even have to register ahead of time. You just show up at the church, you get doughnuts. I'm like, This is my kind of event.

Beth Oljar 6:16

I never heard a paczkis before I moved here.

Matt Mio 6:19

Well, it's a big deal around here.

Stephen Manning 6:20

I never did either.

Beth Oljar 6:21

Yeah,

Heather Hill 6:21

Just don't get a prune one.

Matt Mio 6:23

Prune is the original, but it's not - It's not the only flavor.

Stephen Manning 6:25

That's the original? Really?

Matt Mio 6:26

The original is prune. Yeah

Dan Maggio 6:28

Yeah.

Matt Mio 6:29

That, of course is the voice of Professor Heather Hill from English. Yes. Bringing up the prune paczki.

Heather Hill 6:35

The prune paczki, which I think actually last year when we did The Paczki Run, I grabbed a prune one by accident -

Matt Mio 6:43

Oh, my!

Heather Hill 6:43

and did not finish it.

Matt Mio 6:44

Okay,

Stephen Manning 6:45

Had to rush home - did we?

Matt Mio 6:46

(Laughs)

Heather Hill 6:47

No, actually, because then we went to the beer tent.

Matt Mio 6:50

(Laughs) Oh, my gosh!

Dan Maggio 6:50

After eating prunes?

Heather Hill 6:52

Yeah, well -

Dan Maggio 6:53

You're really pushing it, Heather. (The professors laugh)

Heather Hill 6:57

You know, it is. It's so weird to like, be in the cold air after like, running three miles and then get that cold beer. I mean, I don't know. There's something kind of cool about it.

Stephen Manning 7:06

Yeah. There really is.

Heather Hill 7:07

Then you go home, take a shower and crawl into bed. (Matt laughs)

Stephen Manning 7:10

It's kind of counterintuitive. You feel like a hot cocoa or something. It's counterintuitive, but that beer is

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Heather Hill 7:15

It tastes good, man.

Beth Oljar 7:18

Well, yeah, but that's presumably because you're sweating, right? When you run - so you should be a little dehydrated.

Matt Mio 7:22

Beer is also dehydrating. Yep.

Heather Hill 7:24

On the streets of downtown Hamtramck.

Matt Mio 7:26

What are we talking? By the way? I've actually wanted to ask this for the last couple of years that you've talked about it. What beer? This isn't like a Stroh's or anything, is it?

Heather Hill 7:35

No. It's usually -

Stephen Manning 7:35

I was just thinking about that and I don't know.

Heather Hill 7:37

It's usually like a local beer.

Matt Mio 7:39

It's a local beer? Yeah.

Heather Hill 7:40

Usually you have two choices, and one is usually better than the other.

Matt Mio 7:44

We are a great beer state.

Stephen Manning 7:45

You remember more than me. Um -We will report back

Matt Mio 7:50

Please.

Anyway, we have questions?

Yes, we do. Because you know this is a program where you send us questions regarding anything.

Beth Oljar 7:57

We forgot about that part.

Matt Mio 7:59

(Laughs) If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send the questions to us in a number of ways, emailing us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Find us on Facebook or Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. So, here is where we find ourselves. Are you ready? "Dear profs, why do I listen to Ask The Professor?"

Dan Maggio 8:00

Is that the question?

Matt Mio 8:05

(Laughs) Yeah, are we answering that or -



"because listening to ATP brings me back to my college days. I graduated from college in the 80's and listening to your show is the closest I will come to enjoying the intellectual stimulation of the academy. This leads me to my job as a compliment these two for today's show. Attached are seven questions concerning memorable classes I took in college. You will learn a passing score answering five of the questions correctly. This is the best part, "Sincerely" it's our old friend "Alan Ira from Palm Springs, California. PS, I am an occasional submitter of questions to your show". Absolutely. Alan, we recognize your name.

Beth Oljar 9:06

That's awesome.

Matt Mio 9:07

We appreciate the personal nature of these. These are -

Dan Maggio 9:09

Did he say where he went to - Where he graduated from?

Matt Mio 9:11

No. I'm wondering whether that may show up in the questions but yeah, we'll see. They're related to the courses.

Beth Oljar 9:16

Maybe we have to guess the class that they were in.

Matt Mio 9:18

Yes. Yes, I think that's where this is headed. "Number one: I was required to take an Ethnic Studies class to receive my bachelor's degree. Frankly, I was not interested. However, the Ethnic Studies class I enrolled in turned out to be one of the most fulfilling courses I ever took"

Heather Hill 9:34

Nice.

Matt Mio 9:35

"One assignment required students to ask their parent or parents how and why their family emigrated to America. Each student then had to write an essay on what was learned. What do you think the title of the course was?" This is fairly specific.

Heather Hill 9:50

Coming to America,

Matt Mio 9:51

I mean - partial credit

Stephen Manning 9:53

Ethnic Studies 101

Matt Mio 9:55

Uh - Getting closer. "Ethnic" is in the title of the course. It's a two-word title. Ethnic is the first word.

Stephen Manning 10:01

Ethnic Exploration

Getting closer. The second word starts with the letter G,

Ethnic Awareness

Beth Oljar 10:07

Starts with the letter G

Stephen Manning 10:07

Ethnic G?

Beth Oljar 10:10

Grazing.

Stephen Manning 10:11

(Laughs)

Matt Mio 10:14

So it had to do with, remember, where your family immigrated to America from?

Heather Hill 10:18

Geneology

Matt Mio 10:19

Getting closer

Stephen Manning 10:20

Geography

Matt Mio 10:20

Geography. Ethnic Geography is the scientific study of ethnic distribution -

Stephen Manning 10:26

Really?

Matt Mio 10:26

and how and why different ethnic communities form in particular geographic areas. Yes.

Beth Oljar 10:33

Except in America, the only country based on an idea.

Matt Mio 10:37

Yeah, that is true. I was about to say, "And the level two course - maybe it should be the level one course - Diaspora, but we'll talk about that at a completely different time. Yes. These are the people who chose to come to the United States.

Stephen Manning 10:50

Just watched "Coming To America".

Matt Mio 10:52

Yeah, there you go. Good for comedy. "I majored" Alan tells us "in Political Science"

Heather Hill 10:59

Ooh!

Stephen Manning 10:59

Way to go, Alan.

Beth Oljar 11:00

Good choice.

Matt Mio 11:01

One of the courses I took was called Political Philosophy.

Beth Oljar 11:06

That we don't teach. Yeah,

Matt Mio 11:08

One of the authors were assigned to read it penned by a famous essay about the cause of conflict between societies. This author was best known for a field outside of Political Science proper. He coined the term "Narcissism of Small Differences", who coined that term?

Beth Oljar 11:24

Is this Montesquieu?

Matt Mio 11:25

No, that's not what it says here. This author was best known for a field outside of political science. And he coined the term Narcissism of mall differences.

Stephen Manning 11:37

I've heard that phrase,

Matt Mio 11:38

I don't know if I would have come across this in my brain.

Stephen Manning 11:41

Can you tell us his discipline?

I think it would give it away. But I will do it anyway. Hardcore psychology. Yes.

Psychology? Freud.

Matt Mio 11:50

It was Freud. Sigmund Freud came up with the Narcissism of Small Differences. Yes. I don't know what to say about that. I think that I would look to this side of the table. Did Freud write about politics a lot?

Beth Oljar 12:05

Not that I know of.

Matt Mio 12:05

About political philosophy a lot? I don't know.

Stephen Manning 12:06

Well, you know, it's like everything else, if you think that politics is as ubiquitous as I do.

Matt Mio 12:12

Right

Beth Oljar 12:12

It is.

Stephen Manning 12:13

The answer would be "yes".

Matt Mio 12:14

Which - it sort of is. Yeah, exactly.

Stephen Manning 12:16

I just finished reading a book on politics and opera.

Matt Mio 12:19

Oh, my gosh

Stephen Manning 12:20

to give an example of the ubiquity of the discipline

Matt Mio 12:23

Clearly,

Stephen Manning 12:24

Now, Alan didn't say that that was his favorite course.

Heather Hill 12:28

Well, he majored though.

Matt Mio 12:30

He was a Political Science major.

Beth Oljar 12:33

Did you read A Year In Provence yet?

Stephen Manning 12:35

I did. Yes.

Beth Oljar 12:36

Did you like it?

Stephen Manning 12:37

Very much.

Heather Hill 12:38

We're all over the place today, folks.

Matt Mio 12:40

It's okay. We're having fun. "My apologies to Professor Mio". Apology accepted. "I was not interested in science when I was in college, so I took the easiest course I could find to fulfill the science graduation requirement".

Beth Oljar 12:55

Nothing wrong with that.

Matt Mio 12:56

"Unfortunately, the class was more difficult than anticipated".

Heather Hill 12:58

Yeah.

Beth Oljar 12:59

it usually is, if it's science.

Matt Mio 13:01

"What do you think was the title of the class?" His hint is "It was a basic botany class". Go into comedy mode and see if you can guess what the title of the course was.

Beth Oljar 13:11

Plants For Ants.

Matt Mio 13:13

Getting pretty darn close.

Beth Oljar 13:16

Like - Geology was Rocks For Jocks, right?

Matt Mio 13:19



Oh, yeah. Rocks For Jocks. Yep.

Dan Maggio 13:20

Something like "Plants for the plant killer"?

Matt Mio 13:25

Plants for people who can't keep a plant alive.

Beth Oljar 13:27

That would be me.

Matt Mio 13:28

No, That's not what it was

Stephen Manning 13:29

Flowers for non geeks.

Matt Mio 13:30

Yeah. I mean - I'm gonna give Heather one chance to score a point here. And then we'll just go forward.

Stephen Manning 13:36

Heather - Heather - Heather.

Heather Hill 13:37

Botany for Fotany.

Beth Oljar 13:38

(Laughs)

Matt Mio 13:42

All right. So it was just called World Of Plants. Like, you sign up for a class World Of Plants. You know, it's like a rejected Disney World item.

Stephen Manning 13:51

The math class I took was actually called Math For Non-math Majors.

Matt Mio 13:55

Oh, absolutely.

Beth Oljar 13:55

Oh yeah.

Stephen Manning 13:55

It's very explicit about what the course was.

Beth Oljar 13:58

Although the first scientific concept I ever really remember learning in school -

Matt Mio 14:03

Which was -?

Beth Oljar 14:03

It was photosynthesis.

Matt Mio 14:04

Oh, of course, absolutely. It's a big deal.

We learned that like in first second grade. Right? About plants converting light into - I thought it was really cool.

You feel like a badass when you say the word no matter what your age is, you know. You're like, "Oh, we learned about photosynthesis today".

Beth Oljar 14:18

Yeah.

Matt Mio 14:18

Absolutely.

Beth Oljar 14:19

I felt so smart.

Matt Mio 14:20

I also laughed because somebody started printing full, essentially - you know - flag size flags, with block lettering on them recently, and I've actually seen them flown outside of people's houses, or like shown it like an NFL game. What is it? "We choose to do this - " I - Forget it.

Heather Hill 14:41

All right. Well, maybe we'll come back to that later, folks.

Beth Oljar 14:43

We'll put a pin in that

Matt Mio 14:44

(Laughs) I'll have to check out my phone. It was really funny in my head.

Heather Hill 14:48

Yeah, That was hysterical.

Matt Mio 14:51

Alright.

Stephen Manning 14:52

Geez!

Matt Mio 14:54

"While in college, I was a member of one of the university's teams for four years. Can you guess the team I was on. Please don't spend too much time ARGUING over the question.

Beth Oljar 15:05

Debate?

Matt Mio 15:05

Yeah, it was on the Debate team.

Dan Maggio 15:06

Oh

Matt Mio 15:07

Absolutely.

Beth Oljar 15:08

I was gonna say Philosophy, but same thing.

Stephen Manning 15:10

I was going to say U.N. - Model U.N.

Matt Mio 15:12

Model U.N. is a good one

Dan Maggio 15:13

Do they do that in college?

Matt Mio 15:14

But do they call that a team though, Stephen? Do they call on a team?

Stephen Manning 15:18

Well, yeah. It's a group of people. Sure.

Beth Oljar 15:20

I think so.

Stephen Manning 15:20

Yeah. And you go as a team, the school team,

Heather Hill 15:24

I don't accept that

Stephen Manning 15:26

I used to do it.

Heather Hill 15:28

Yeah, but debate team is an actual thing. That's what it's known as.

Stephen Manning 15:32

And this is - ?

Heather Hill 15:34

Debate team

Stephen Manning 15:34

taking eight students representing a particular country to Toronto is not a team?

Matt Mio 15:39

Mm-hm. Moving on,

Heather Hill 15:41

Mm-hm. Yeah, chili without beans.

Matt Mio 15:45

(Laughs) Cross-show talk. "While in college, I took a beginning acting class. One of the plays we analyzed was written by Henrik Ibsen. According to Wikipedia, the play considered 'a masterpiece' -

Heather Hill 15:59

A Doll's House?

Matt Mio 15:59

of literal realism 19th century theater and world drama. What is the title of that play? It is not A Doll's House.

Stephen Manning 16:07

Ibsen.

Matt Mio 16:11

Two word title. Initials of the title H. G.

Stephen Manning 16:14

Oh, it's a woman's name, isn't it? Helga Gabler?

Beth Oljar 16:20

Hedda Gabler

Matt Mio 16:21

Hedda Gabler. Yes. "A masterpiece within the genres of literary realism 19th century theatre and world drama".

Stephen Manning 16:26

That was a trick question, because everybody thought it would be Doll's House.

Beth Oljar 16:30

Well, and why isn't he taking any philosophy classes? That's what I want to know.

Matt Mio 16:33

We've got a couple more questions to go

Stephen Manning 16:35

There's still time.

Heather Hill 16:35

Chill your jets.

Matt Mio 16:36

We had philosophy get a call out with the Sigmund Freud question

Stephen Manning 16:39

Maybe he didn't have a poli sci advisor that told him to take philosophy.

Beth Oljar 16:42

Ah, that's always the problem. Yeah.

Matt Mio 16:45

"The college I went to -" I think that's probably as close as we're getting. "had courses that studied famous American cities". That's kind of cool.

Heather Hill 16:53

Hmm

Matt Mio 16:53

"I took a class about San Francisco. According to the professor who taught the course, why were there so many fires after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake?"

Dan Maggio 17:04

Because it ruptured gas lines?

Matt Mio 17:07

I think that that's a good guess, but that's not what it says here. He did do a good job, "according to the professor who taught my course", you know, so there's a little bit of English on this - no pun intended.

Stephen Manning 17:19

A lot of the city lighting was by gas,

Beth Oljar 17:23

or kerosene or something.



Matt Mio 17:28

Yeah. That's true.

Stephen Manning 17:28

The least little breeze burns the city down.

Matt Mio 17:30

I remember - I mean, Leslie and I had our honeymoon in San Francisco. We've visited a couple other times since then. And this is the sort of, like popular logic, since it's been over 100 years . That people say about the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906

Dan Maggio 17:44

Were people cooking in their houses more or something like that?

Matt Mio 17:48

Getting closer, a little bit closer. So it's not the gas.

Dan Maggio 17:51

Is it the heating?

Matt Mio 17:52

No, not a heating thing. No.

Dan Maggio 17:55

Fireworks?

Matt Mio 17:57

No, no. And it's not, ya' know "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco", Mark Twain, one of my favorite quotes of all time. No, um, they did it on purpose, because mostly the insurance of the day would not cover a building if it was damaged by earthquake -

Heather Hill 18:13

Oh. Arson.

Matt Mio 18:13

or if it was destroyed by a fire.

Dan Maggio 18:15

Really? Okay.

Matt Mio 18:16

It's kind of sad.

Heather Hill 18:17

That's interesting.

Matt Mio 18:18

Yeah.

Dan Maggio 18:19

I was not expecting that.

Matt Mio 18:23

Oh, my gosh, I think it's wild because we had a question like this a few shows ago where we were remembering great books that we read when we were in undergrad. And this is great that Alan just sits down and he can pound out seven questions about very specific things he remembers from those courses, which I think we all could do some level. This is the last one, I guess there is no philosophy question.

Beth Oljar 18:45

Aww!

Matt Mio 18:45

"In my senior year" Oh, my! " I took a very popular class, it had more than 100 students enrolled, and was taught in an over packed auditorium. That professor showed movies. I cannot ask you specific questions about the course. ATP will probably censor any question that I could ask, What do you think was the title of the course?"

Dan Maggio 18:45

Pornography 101.

(Laughs) I'll give you partial credit.

Stephen Manning 19:12

Film?

Matt Mio 19:10

I'm thinking in a very strong Carol Weisfeld direction here. If you remember the courses she used to teach for us,

Heather Hill 19:18

Sex

Beth Oljar 19:19

Sexuality

Matt Mio 19:20

Human sexuality. Yeah.

Beth Oljar 19:22

I took that course as an undergraduate. It was great.

Matt Mio 19:25

"A very popular course". Alan says. That's cool. Thanks for those questions, Alan. Those were personal and fun, and everybody got to answer a couple things. And I think -

Stephen Manning 19:35

Let's ask Alan to tell us where he went to college.

Matt Mio 19:37

Yeah, we need to know.

Stephen Manning 19:38

I'm curious.

Matt Mio 19:39

You gotta send it to us.

Dan Maggio 19:40

Yeah, those are good questions.

Matt Mio 19:40

Absolutely. Very, very good. Okay, so we are where we find ourselves very often with a couple of minutes left in the show - to go to the list of Yeah. IYeah. Frank Burroughs and the family Burroughs IMPONDERABLES. 20 New imponderables for your fine show. What shall we take a look at here. Oh, okay, this goes exactly where I expect it would go. So you're midnight snacking? What are you eating for your midnight snack? It's been a while since I've snacked at midnight. But -

Heather Hill 20:15

Yeah

Matt Mio 20:17

I would have to think about this one.

Stephen Manning 20:19

Hmm. Hmm.

Beth Oljar 20:20

But nothing makes me happier than getting in bed at the end of the day with my book and a snack. And all I have to do is eat and read and go to sleep. (Laughs) It's like, this is what everyone should do with all of their time.

Matt Mio 20:32

A triumvirate of pleasures. Eat, sleep, read a book. I love it. Probably not in that order. But yes.

Beth Oljar 20:39

Chips of some description.

Matt Mio 20:41

Sure.

Beth Oljar 20:41

I need something salty, crunchy - or, I can't believe I'm actually confessing this - Top Ramen noodles.

Matt Mio 20:47

Oh, come on. That's wonderful. Top Ramen. Let's do this.

Beth Oljar 20:51

Yeah, you probably don't need to eat three packages in one sitting, (laughs) but -

Matt Mio 20:56

Yeah, I'm going to be really worried about your sodium intake. But otherwise, yeah. Look, there are a lot of people -

Beth Oljar 21:02

That's really the bad part is the sodium intake.

Matt Mio 21:04

There's a lot of people that buy those blocks. I mean, we've done this a couple times, not much recently. Those blocks around or cheapo. Right?

Heather Hill 21:11

Yeah.

Matt Mio 21:12

We're living in inflation world. If you just take the noodle block-

Stephen Manning 21:15

Yeah

Matt Mio 21:15

you can get some stuff done with that. Just don't use the flavoring.

Heather Hill 21:18

Yeah

Matt Mio 21:19

Or use your own flavoring, you know, so

Beth Oljar 21:21

But Matt, it's not ramen if you don't eat the, you know, the packets of flavored salt (laughs)

Stephen Manning 21:21

I've seen recipes for ramen noodles. They're all over the place and bone broth and you know, you make a -

Beth Oljar 21:37

Yeah, that's what you would do

Matt Mio 21:37

I'm gonna - I'm gonna steal it and just stay right where you are, Beth; because when I was a freshman at Detroit Mercy - so first year - 1993, I got a gigantic paper ream-size box wrapped for Christmas from my younger brother. And when I opened it, it was perfectly Tetris-style packed with the packs of ramen. He's like "This whole box cost me five bucks. Don't college kids like ramen?" and then I just opened this box to everybody on my floor over in East Quad and like - you know - over many weeks we're kind of picking through near the end the flavors that people didn't really like - or you, know left and stuff. I think it may have like kept the entire dorm fueled for about a month after Christmas that year. Yeah. And that is classic midnight snacking for college students. Time to study.

Beth Oljar 22:30

That's probably when I started. Yeah, that sounds about right. College.

Matt Mio 22:35

Yep. There you go. Midnight snacking - Heather? Dan? Stephen?

Dan Maggio 22:40

I don't snack. I don't do it. No.

Beth Oljar 22:44

Well, I don't snack exactly at midnight. I'm usually sleep.

Dan Maggio 22:47

Maybe a cookie or pretzel, but I don't - I'm not a - like before I go to bed kind of snack. Maybe a cookie.

Stephen Manning 22:56

Yeah, sorry. I don't snack.

Dan Maggio 22:58

I'd like to give you a better answer.

Beth Oljar 23:00

Sugar-free popsicles.

Matt Mio 23:01

The ice cream joint up by us -

Dan Maggio 23:03

In the a summer ice cream. Actually.

Matt Mio 23:05

Yeah. See, there you go. Dairy Deluxe opened on Wednesday. And so, of course, we did our traditional family portrait because they usually open on February 1. But they stayed closed because it was negative 30 or whatever on those days.

Dan Maggio 23:18

There's supposed to be a new ice cream place in Berkley that sells ice cream on a stick.



Matt Mio 23:25

BOMBHELL Treat Bar is coming to Berkley. Yes. Hardcore good chocolate, from what I hear.

Dan Maggio 23:31

Okay

Matt Mio 23:32

We need endorsements, folks. We need endorsements.

Heather Hill 23:35

Yeah

Matt Mio 23:36

But ice cream is good, because some of those places are open till 10pm. And the sun is still out. You're like, "Let's go get some icecream"

Heather Hill 23:41

How about leftover popcorn?

Matt Mio 23:43

That's awesome. Popcorn's great,

Heather Hill 23:45

Like leftover popcorn that you've brought home from the movies.

The Professors 23:48

Mmm!

Heather Hill 23:50

And I have to say, Isn't this like the 50th year anniversary of Schoolhouse Rocks?

Dan Maggio 23:55

Yes.

Matt Mio 23:55

I think there was a special on the other day.

Heather Hill 23:57

I just wanted to get that in there. It seemed an appropriate thing to mention on this program.

Beth Oljar 24:00

Where we all learned how things got passed in Congress.

Matt Mio 24:04

That's right. A bill.

Heather Hill 24:05

So Stephen, if you had to say something - ?

Matt Mio 24:08

What kind of chili could Stephen Manning cook at midnight?

Heather Hill 24:12

How about apples with peanut butter

Stephen Manning 24:13

Apples with peanut butter is a snack - Well, I'm home a lot more than I used to be, obviously: and so I sometimes come down to the kitchen, take a break and try to avoid all the bad stuff. But my go-to thing

is an apple, (a honey crisp apple cut up with peanut butter on it) which is healthy. And of course the dog - any inkling that there might be any sort of food involved - the dog shows up and begs; and he loves - He loves, so he ends up getting half of the apple with peanut butter.

Heather Hill 24:50

He loves both of those things. Yeah, yeah. He turns eight on Tuesday.

Matt Mio 24:54

Oh my gosh. Eight human years?

Heather Hill 24:57

No eight animal years

Stephen Manning 24:59

Dog years. So he's about 56

Matt Mio 25:02

Oh my gosh.

Beth Oljar 25:03

Yeah. Eight times seven

Matt Mio 25:05

Oh, my gosh, that's, that's wild.

Beth Oljar 25:08

He's a middle aged pup

Stephen Manning 25:09

Middle-aged puppy.

Beth Oljar 25:10

He's so handsome.

He's so handsome.

Matt Mio 25:12

I was gonna ask what your apple of choice is because we get into great debates at the Mio house where the snobbiest of all of us is at the Cosmic Crisp level, where it's a honey crisp flavored apple but apparently it will last forever on a shelf. But they're also 150 bajillion dollars each.

Beth Oljar 25:33

Pink Ladies

Oh, I like Pink Ladies too. Pink Ladies are very good.

Matt Mio 25:34

It depends on what's in season and what's not \$50 billion at Westborn.

Heather Hill 25:42

You see more Pink Ladies in the summer, I think

Beth Oljar 25:42

That's the thing I spend the most money on probably.

Matt Mio 25:48

Apples?

Beth Oljar 25:49

No, food

Matt Mio 25:50

Oh.

Beth Oljar 25:50

I mean, other than house payment or something, that's probably the thing now that -

Matt Mio 25:56

Yeah.

Beth Oljar 25:57

I like to eat and I like to eat good food and I'm willing to pay for it usually.

Matt Mio 26:02

Yeah

Beth Oljar 26:02

I mean, like those grapes at Westborn are now. \$5 a pound, but they're so good.

Heather Hill 26:07

Those are good grapes.

Matt Mio 26:08

Good grapes.

Heather Hill 26:08

They've spoiled me. I can't buy grapes at Meijer anymore.

Matt Mio 26:11

Oh.

Beth Oljar 26:11

I mean, Drew and I can eat a bag of those just as a side for dinner - to have as a fruit or veg.

Matt Mio 26:17

Red grapes are the ones?

Beth Oljar 26:18

No, the big - the green ones.

Matt Mio 26:20

Okay. Big green ones. Got it.

Beth Oljar 26:21

Some of them are like the size of small golfballs.

Matt Mio 26:24

No, it's true. It's true.

Heather Hill 26:25

They're huge.

Stephen Manning 26:26

We really had some super sweet ones we got at Eastern Market once. Remember?

Heather Hill 26:30

Those were really good.

Stephen Manning 26:31

They were some special - I forget the name of them, but they were -

Heather Hill 26:33

We got 'em at Eastern Market.

Stephen Manning 26:34

Yeah. Oh, there was so sweet.

Matt Mio 26:36

Oh my gosh.

Stephen Manning 26:37

Best grapes. But puppies can't have grapes.

Matt Mio 26:40

We've ended up on food.

Beth Oljar 26:41

I'm shocked.

Stephen Manning 26:42

Again.

Heather Hill 26:42

Surprise.

Beth Oljar 26:45

We end up on food.

Heather Hill 26:47

Speaking of puppy -

Matt Mio 26:49

Speaking of puppy?

Heather Hill 26:49

He needs a walk.

Matt Mio 26:50

Oh, geez. Well, then I'm afraid. You know, we're not necessarily out of time, but I think that we've run out of things to talk about. And it's Michael's job to stretch the episode.

Beth Oljar 27:01

I'm doing breakfast for dinner tonight though, which Dan is like the only other person I know who really loves breakfast for dinner as much as -

Matt Mio 27:08

I love breakfast for dinner.

Beth Oljar 27:09

as much as we do. Oh, yeah?

Matt Mio 27:10

Yep. Let's crack open a can of corned beef hash. Have a summit.



Heather Hill 27:14

Mmm, I like corned beef hash. Stephen made really good BLTs for lunch today. They were so good. I hadn't had one in so long. I was really hungry.

Dan Maggio 27:23

Yeah, those are good.

Matt Mio 27:24

I'm afraid the time has come for us to say goodbye, Heather.

Beth Oljar 27:28

So we did stretch it out.

Heather Hill 27:29

But not prune paczkis.

Matt Mio 27:31

Dan.

Dan Maggio 27:32

Goodbye.

Matt Mio 27:32

Stephen.

Stephen Manning 27:33

Goodbye,

Matt Mio 27:33

and Beth.

Beth Oljar 27:34

Goodbye.

Matt Mio 27:35

And now these words.

Michael Jayson 27:36

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Matt Mio 27:46

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