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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:01

The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio, and let me introduce you to our panel for today. To my right, from the Department of English, macadamia nut enthusiast. Professor Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 00:23

Yeah, I'm jiving on these macadamia nuts. They're yummy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:26

Are they good? Yeah, who brought these? This is leftover from our department meeting yesterday.


H Heather Hill 00:31


Oh,


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:32


but they're Costco. So you know, it's gotta be good at some level.

H Heather Hill 00:35


 Heather Hill 00:35
I don't know if I want Chemistry Department leftovers.


 Dan Maggio 00:36
So, every every

 Stephen Manning 00:37
So they're day-old's


 James Tubbs 00:40
You don't know what chemicals they've come in contact with.


 Heather Hill 00:44
I'm all for interdisciplinarity, but -

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:48
Come on.

 Heather Hill 00:48
I'm kidding. Thank you for bringing them. Shout out to Chemistry and Biochemistry.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:52
Yes. I mean, chemistry brings you the ability to bake. Come on.

 Heather Hill 00:57
Uh -Yeah.

 Mara Livezey 00:57
That's true.



B Beth Oljar 01:01
I thought ovens did that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02
Well, you know, heat transfer, thermodynamics, blah, blah, blah, blah

H Heather Hill 01:07
Okay, blah, blah, blah, blah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:08
Um, Also, enjoying one of the leftover cookies is Professor Mara Livezey.

M Mara Livezey 01:14
Hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:14
What's definitely for sure is that it's been a while since we've had some like, like a big box of something in the main office. And so it was very nice that, you know, we have a meeting. Everybody hates meetings, but we have things that we got to do. And, you know,

M Mara Livezey 01:28
greetings are always better with food

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:30
With food. Absolutely.

M Mara Livezey 01:32
I'll bring that up for the next meeting.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:35
Next up around the table, the pale green machine himself. It's professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 01:40
Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42
So -

D Dave Chow 01:43
I'm gonna dive in to one of these louder green ones here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:45
Well, go for it. Yeah, we also have some donuts here.

D Dave Chow 01:47
That are - nuclear?

M Mara Livezey 01:50
Take the nuclear option.

D Dave Chow 01:51
I will.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:52
Take the nuclear option.

J James Tubbs 01:53
The ones that glow.

D Dave Chow 01:53
Yes.

H Heather Hill 01:54
Dave brought them, I believe. Thank you, Dave.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:58
So did you have to go early to nab these?

D Dave Chow 02:00
No, no, no, no, I got there at three o'clock.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:02
Okay, because they'd been off for a week or two recently. It's like their spring break or something?

D Dave Chow 02:06
They were?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:07
Yeah

D Dave Chow 02:07
No.

D Dan Maggio 02:08
They usually close when they go to like, they go back home to visit family. They close for a couple of days, but I don't think that was recently

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:08
Oh, absolutely

D Dan Maggio 02:15
No.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:15
Okay.

D Dave Chow 02:16
Because last I was there for a Paczki Day and they had a line out the door.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:19
Oh, absolutely.

D Dave Chow 02:20
The poor guy had been up for 29 hours.

M Mara Livezey 02:23
Woe!

D Dave Chow 02:23
I saw him stumbling around. I thought "You better not fall down. Somebody's gonna - like - step all over you." He had 11 people behind that little counter.

J James Tubbs 02:29
Oh, well, that's good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:30
That's incredible.

D Dan Maggio 02:31
Is that that young guy?

D Dave Chow 02:32
Yeah. He had his entire family and then some.

D Dan Maggio 02:35
The grandkids

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:36
The clan The clan at DC Berkley. Absolutely. A little bit louder green, but not as loud as the donuts is Professor Jim Tubbs.

J James Tubbs 02:44
Hello. Hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:45
What's going on, Jim?

J James Tubbs 02:46
Well, let's see ,what's going on. I just got back from Spain last Saturday.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:51
Oh my gosh, how was it?

J James Tubbs 02:52
We were in Madrid and Seville.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:54
Awesome.

J James Tubbs 02:55
And it was great. It was really great.

And it was great. It really was nice.

H Heather Hill 02:57
Lovely.

D Dave Chow 02:58
Now we are all green - with envy. (The professors laugh) Yeah. Thanks. I have to agree with that.

J James Tubbs 03:03
Madrid was like, you know, like, March weather is supposed to be - cool, but nice. And Seville was like low 70s. So it was very nice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:13
Feels a little bit like yesterday.

J James Tubbs 03:15
It was excellent.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:16
That's awesome. We'll have to hear more of your exploits.

D Dave Chow 03:19
And you came back? What were you thinking?

J James Tubbs 03:21
Oh, well, yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:22
The winner of that exchange recently is our own Prasad Venugopal who just spent spring break in India retrieving his mother and came back from sweating several gallons a day to this weather. And I said "How's your mom adjusting?", and he did not respond. I feel so bad. I feel

so bad. Good ole March weather. Continuing around the horn, Professor Dan Maggio is here. You said it's been quite a week. So can you, like, clue us in as to what's been - I mean? Well, you've been doing a lot of curling.

J James Tubbs 03:43
Uh-oh.

D Dan Maggio 03:56
It was a long week and a lot of curling and just tired. I was up north last week. So adjusting to regular life. And a weekend with power is always something to celebrate.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:10
I'm so sorry. Yeah, I was gonna ask if there's a fish fry in your future because -

J James Tubbs 04:10
Yes

D Dan Maggio 04:16
Yes. We're going down to Sweetest Heart Of Mary

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:17
Sweetest Heart Of Mary. Excellent. I want to put a plug out there we did, uh - because we've never done it before Berkley American Legion last week.

D Dan Maggio 04:25
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:25
Very affordable, very good. Yeah. \$10 for a whole meal.

D Dan Maggio 04:27
Was it good?

was it good:

- D** Dave Chow 04:29
Yeah, but Dan, when you lost power last week, they lost power too.
- D** Dan Maggio 04:33
Yeah, we were about to go over there, and they lost power, I don't know where we ended up - some diner
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:40
It's been a rough end of winter here; and I mean that very specifically, because we had a completely nondescript January and February. And the second March arrived, everything went straight to heck around here. So it's been wild.
- D** Dan Maggio 04:55
So is Prasad's mother moving here permanently/
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:57
Oh, I don't think it's permanent, but she will be here for six months.
- D** Dan Maggio 05:01
is she just as spicy as he is?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:04
Um, you know, I haven't met her yet, but she did make many demands on the channels that would be available on the television, including a lot of Indian soaps and cricket matches.
- H** Heather Hill 05:16
Cool!
- S** Stephen Manning 05:16
I think all he's got is one of those Roku sticks.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:18
Yes.

D Dave Chow 05:19
He's in trouble

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:21
He had to prepare, he had to prepare.

D Dave Chow 05:23
He's going to have a satellite dish outside before long.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:25
A man who knows every USB thing that you have, it's Professor Stephen Manning. How do you know that Prasad has a Roku?

S Stephen Manning 05:33
We had a conversation.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:34
All right.

S Stephen Manning 05:35
Somebody recommended a show, and a -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
Alright. So what are you streaming lately? I mean, it's the classic question to ask.

S Stephen Manning 05:42

I just, I - uh - Ted Lasso.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:46

Okay.

S Stephen Manning 05:47

The premiere of the third season is coming up on, I think, Apple Plus, I just read something today, a new Bob Odenkirk. Do you know about this? Lucky - I think it's called Lucky Hank. He is - It's an academic satire.

H Heather Hill 06:03

Ohh!

S Stephen Manning 06:05

It's based on Richard Russo's STRAIGHT MAN.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:08

Okay.

S Stephen Manning 06:09

Although not too literally. And that's a great book for for academic fiction stuff. But it's based loosely on that. And Odenkirk is a - He's an English professor. It's always in English professor. I'm sorry.

J James Tubbs 06:20

The generic college department is always the English Department.

H Heather Hill 06:20

What's the deal?

B Beth Oljar 06:26

It's because they've heard of it. Right? I mean, English, History -

- S** Stephen Manning 06:28
The review I read said something like "His second novel is sitting as a blank page on his computer screen", so he can't get going. So he's basically middle aged, middle rank, middle everything. And to make matters worse, his father is a very, very famous literary critic -
- B** Beth Oljar 06:32
Oh, boy.
- S** Stephen Manning 06:38
who told him "I'm not talking to you unless the second novel comes out". So they haven't spoken in 15 years.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:53
Oh, my gosh!
- B** Beth Oljar 06:54
That's pretty harsh.
- D** Dan Maggio 06:55
I saw an advertisement for it, and I'm trying to find the name of the show. It got really interesting reviews. It's a new show on Peacock about an artificial intelligence in the future. It's in the shape of a nun. It says -
- D** Dave Chow 07:10
Oh, the one that scolds people or something.
- D** Dan Maggio 07:12
Yeah
- D** Dave Chow 07:12

Yeah, I saw -

D Dan Maggio 07:14

But the review I read was, this was like the most fantastic new show.

M Matt Mio 07:18

Wow.

D Dan Maggio 07:20

And now I want - I kind of want

M Mara Livezey 07:23

but now I have to get Peacock is the only issue.

B Beth Oljar 07:25

We have Peacock, because there's lots of soccer on it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:28

That's right. And that is the voice of the professor Beth Oljar who's working on a key for Philosophy 2500

B Beth Oljar 07:34

I am.

D Dave Chow 07:35

I see lots of red pen.

B Beth Oljar 07:36

Yeah Well, she's making the key though. She's not grading yet.

H Heather Hill 07:39

I see a headache.

B Beth Oljar 07:42

No, it's actually much nicer than grading papers, you either did the proof correctly, or - (laughing) you either derived the conclusion according to the rules, or you didn't.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:51

That's true. That is very logical.

J James Tubbs 07:53

It's not an essay question.

B Beth Oljar 07:55

Well, now I'm gonna start using SafeAssign. I'm gonna start requiring them to submit on SafeAssign in addition to giving me a hard copy, because I'm catching so many of them just copying and pasting

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:07

Chat GPT speaking of -

J James Tubbs 08:09

How many of them have been composed by A-I?

B Beth Oljar 08:12

Yeah, this chat GPT thing. But you know, my view on this, if students are determined to cheat, they will find a way to do it.

J James Tubbs 08:19

Yeah, they'll find a way

B Beth Oljar 08:21

B Beth Oljar 08:20

because they'll put all the energy that they should be putting into doing their work into cheating. Which doesn't make - I mean, if you're gonna do that, why are you - ?

D Dave Chow 08:30

Why are you here?

J James Tubbs 08:31

Why are you paying for a degree?

B Beth Oljar 08:32

Go to someplace that will cost you a lot less money. Otherwise, I don't think much of your brains paying private university tuition only to cheat your way through school.

D Dan Maggio 08:43

Can I ask a question?

H Heather Hill 08:44

You may

D Dan Maggio 08:44

Instead of continuing to fight the war and find ways to beat the students, why don't you just change the game and change the way you test students so that they can't cheat?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:53

That is definitely going to come up at the next Ask The Professor roundtable. We'll have to have a discussion about that.

H Heather Hill 09:01

That's been suggested - those alternatives, but at what point do you have to keep alternating yourself Right

—

D Dan Maggio 09:09
till the day you retire?

S Stephen Manning 09:10
I had a final exam one year in my Mandarin class in the professor's office.

H Heather Hill 09:16
What show - Is this a show? (Matt laughs)

B Beth Oljar 09:18
Yeah, that was pretty common. That's what's common with learning foreign languages. You had oral exams

H Heather Hill 09:25
We hope that all you listeners out there realize that this actually is ASK The Professor, (Mara laughs)

B Beth Oljar 09:32
Not professors vent, which is what I was turning it in to..

J James Tubbs 09:35
And we're going to ask something soon. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:36
I was a little bit worried about cheating the other day, whether it has anything to do with philosophy or English or whatever. I think that you've been to my research lab before Beth, you know that I have all my Halloween decorations always up and there's a plastic skull on the bench. And one of the students picked it up and made a motion like this. All of you people can see me making it and says "Look, I'm Plato" and so I said "I think you mean that you're Hamlet"

M Mara Livezey 10:00
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 10:01
Plato?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:02
And they're like, "Yeah, Hamlet. That guy"

D Dan Maggio 10:04
Not even close.

B Beth Oljar 10:07
I knew him well.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:11
A man of Infinite jest.

H Heather Hill 10:13
At least he was trying.

S Stephen Manning 10:14
Do you still have decorations up?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:16
Always.

S Stephen Manning 10:17
Because we saw - You have a neighbor that's complaining?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:21
No, no, but I bet I've heard about it. I've heard about it.

S Stephen Manning 10:24
It was something that reminded me -

H Heather Hill 10:25
On next door.

S Stephen Manning 10:25
And they're trying to sell their house -

H Heather Hill 10:27
And we immediately thought of you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:27
Right

S Stephen Manning 10:28
and they can't because the guy next door has this 35-foot skeleton.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:32
Yeah, of course.

H Heather Hill 10:33
All right. Questions.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:35
I'll tell you what, folks. This is a program you know, usually where you can send us questions regarding anything.

J James Tubbs 10:43

And usually we will consider them.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:44

If you stump the panel you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram, or listen to on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Okey dokey smokey. "Dear Profs: What's going on here in good ol Munising, Michigan? You guessed it, snow."

D Dave Chow 11:10

What a shock.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:10

"So while Dennis and I stay indoors, and thank heavens for streaming", oh, there we go. "We also continue to turn to you for entertainment. We listened to the podcast yesterday and heard your call for questions about nicknames". All right now we're talking here. That's cool. "Here are some historical figures. And you have to give us the nickname. We think they're pretty easy, once you get around to some of their full names which may be unfamiliar. 10 of 12." Not too bad. Let's start with the Reese's Pieces of sports history. So that's kind of interesting.

D Dave Chow 11:43

What?

M Matt Mio 11:44

What was Harold Peter Henry Reese's nickname?

J James Tubbs 11:47

Peewee

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:48

He was Peewee Reese Yes, that's right. FYI, his nickname didn't refer to his size. He was 5'10". He was a champion marbles player when he was a kid. And a peewee is the small starter marble. So that's how he got the nickname.

R ...

B Beth Oljar 12:02
Ah!

S Stephen Manning 12:02
What team did he play for?

D Dave Chow 12:04
Was it Brooklyn?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:05
Oh, I want to see he played for the Yankees

D Dan Maggio 12:07
You mean for the marbles?

D Dave Chow 12:08
Oh. (The professors laugh)

S Stephen Manning 12:10
Baseball.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:10
What marble team (Laughs)

S Stephen Manning 12:11
I thought it was the Dodgers

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:13
Oh, Dodgers. Okay.

B Beth Oljar 12:15
The marble tournaments.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:16
Don't think too long about this one from the great sport of football. Richard lane.

D Dave Chow 12:26
Night Train.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:27
Night Train. Yes. Originally, Dick Lane didn't like that nickname. But when in the game, he took down Choo choo Charlie Justice with a vicious tackle. And a newspaper headline shouted "Night Train Derails Choo Choo."

J James Tubbs 12:42
I thought Choo-choo was going to be one of our questions

S Stephen Manning 12:48
Didn't he play for the Lions?

D Dave Chow 12:49
Yes. Choo-Choo Justice

B Beth Oljar 12:51
That would make you like the nickname, I think. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:54
I'm definitely looking in a decidedly Dave Chow direction with this one about hockey.

D Dave Chow 12:59
The Rocket.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:00
No, but anticipating the question is always a great thing to do. What was Guy Lafleur's nickname?
- D** Dave Chow 13:07
The Flower.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:08
The Flowers is what it means. La fleur is French. It makes lots of sense. They say "Too easy"
- D** Dave Chow 13:14
Far too easy.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:15
Yes. Thanks, Marilyn for sending these questions, you AND Dennis. Marilyn Bachorik from Munising, Michigan.
- D** Dave Chow 13:22
And the dogs.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:22
Mm-hm
- B** Beth Oljar 13:23
More questions about Nero Wolfe, please. Questions that I can actually answer.
- D** Dave Chow 13:26
Wait a minute. How come we're not getting questions about sheepdogs? Or walks on the beach.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:31
How about from the 80s in NBA basketball history. Moses Malone, do you remember what his nickname was? Such a great nickname, by the way.
- D** Dave Chow 13:39
Was it Treetop?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:40
No, that's good. That's good.
- B** Beth Oljar 13:43
I think I actually knew that at one time.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:44
He had phenomenal rebounding skills
- J** James Tubbs 13:47
The Round Mound of Rebound?
- D** Dave Chow 13:49
No. That's Charles Barkley.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:50
We're in the middle of March Madness here in real time. So what is the nickname for a rebound?
- J** James Tubbs 13:50
That's Barkley.
- B** Beth Oljar 13:59

A board.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:01
A board. He was the -

D Dave Chow 14:04
Chairman Of The Board.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:05
Chairman of the Board. It's a great nickname. That's cool. That's cool. Also from football
,Edward Lee Jones at six feet eight inches tall.

D Dave Chow 14:14
Too Tall

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:15
Yeah, he was Too Tall Jones. Yes. Way too tall for opposing linemen and quarterbacks to handle.
No question about that. Let's see - from baseball. Frank Joseph Thomas. He's in all the
commercials

H Heather Hill 14:29
The Big Hurt.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:30
Yeah, those those commercials make me uncomfortable. Thomas was built more like a
domineering football player and with a mighty bat. He put the hurt on other teams. That's right.
Hawking a whole bunch of fake - I don't know, I'm just gonna come out and say it.

J James Tubbs 14:45
Testosterone supplements. The testosterone supplements, but the one that gets me is the
husband and the wife or whatever - the couple is standing there - Oh, and "Your wife will like it
too?" "She'll like it too." They always end with.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:56
No. It's a branch off of this, Jim. It's "We didn't like the medical solutions to urinary tract infection, so we invented our own".

J James Tubbs 15:04
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:05
And then she's hawking this stuff and it's a nationally broadcast commercial. I'm like, "You know what folks, just go home and do your own chemistry and medicine."

S Stephen Manning 15:14
(Laughs) Doctors - Who needs them?

D Dave Chow 15:15
it's so wierd.

J James Tubbs 15:17
Just like second guessing the FDA

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:19
Uh - you know, exactly.

S Stephen Manning 15:21
:This product has not been tested"

D Dave Chow 15:23
Not at all

J James Tubbs 15:24

Only 54 weeks. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:26
How about also from football - William Arthur Johnson. He earned his famous nickname as a high schooler in Pennsylvania

D Dave Chow 15:35
It's not "the fridge", was it?

J James Tubbs 15:36
No. that was Perry

D Dave Chow 15:39
Oh was it Bill "White Shoes" Johnson?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:40
White Shoes Johnson! Listen to you. He dyed his shoes in a dare. He did so well. White shoes became a lucky charm and he wore them for his entire career. Yes, there you go. "White Shoes" Johnson. Here we go back to Hockett, Henri Richard.

D Dave Chow 15:57
The Rocket

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:58
The Rocket. Yes, yes. His older brother Maurice was nicknamed Rocket. Henri was younger. So he was

D Dave Chow 16:04
The Pocket Rocket

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:05
Yes. Oh and three inches shorter. I don't think that matters that much in hockey. That's just me.

Does it? You can't be too tall when you're playing hockey.

M Mara Livezey 16:15
For checking it might matter, but -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:19
From baseball, your friend and mine, Randall David Johnson,

B Beth Oljar 16:24
Randy

D Dave Chow 16:26
The Big Unit.

B Beth Oljar 16:27
That's right. When he was playing in Seattle.

D Dave Chow 16:30
When he killed the bird. He threw a pitch and a bird flew right in the path.

J James Tubbs 16:37
Yeah. Threw a pitch and hit a pigeon, and all the feathers went everywhere. (Laughs)

M Mara Livezey 16:41
Oh, my gosh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:42
It says in the background story here "During batting practice in 1988 The 6'10" Johnson collided headfirst with outfielder Tim Lincecum who said 'Damn, you're a big unit'. So, there you go.

D Dave Chow 16:54
Okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:54
The Big Unit. Joseph Bernard Geoff - Oh my - Jeffryan? Hockey?

D Dave Chow 17:00
Geoffrion

S Stephen Manning 17:02
Geoffrion. Boom Boom

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:04
Boom Boom

S Stephen Manning 17:05
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 17:05
It's a great name for a stripper too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:08
He was one of the innovators of the slapshot and was nicknamed by a 1950s Montreal sports writer, for the sound of the puck hitting his stick, and then the boards. Boom, - boom,

M Mara Livezey 17:18
Boom boom.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:19
There you go, yes.

D Dave Chow 17:20
And Beth is just never gonna forgive me for that one.

B Beth Oljar 17:23
I just think it's hysterical, actually. Because -

H Heather Hill 17:25
Stormie Daniels

B Beth Oljar 17:27
Yes, since she's been in the news, that was literally where my mind jumped.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:33
Oh my!


H Heather Hill 17:33
I know where Beth's mind jumps


B Beth Oljar 17:36
To anything that will bring down Donald Trump. And the idea that he's going to be taken down by women is particularly satisfying.


M Mara Livezey 17:43
Yes, please.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:44
Absolutely. How about Walker Smith Jr. and Ray Charles Leonard. They have the same nickname.


H Heather Hill 17:51


 Heather Hill 17:51
What's the sport?


 Beth Oljar 17:51
Sugar Ray?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:52
Sugar Ray. Yeah. Walter Smith Jr. is Sugar Ray Robinson, who was too young, only 14 when he tried to enter his first professional tournament. Oh my Lord. I have a 14 year old at home. He borrowed an AAU membership card from a retired fighter whose name was Ray Robinson. Once he started winning consistently, he kept that assumed name. Oh, that's wild.


 Heather Hill 18:12
That's really interesting.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:13
Sugar Ray. I know Sugar Ray Leonard, but I -

 Beth Oljar 18:16
I remember watching him win the gold medal in the Olympics.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:19
All right. This is a really big deal. For those who know it. Last one should be easy for you. Thanks, Marilyn for making it easy for us. Who is Charles Emile Dorais? (After several seconds of silence) That's what I thought.

 Dave Chow 18:36
Could you spell it?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:38
Charles

D Dave Chow 18:38

Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:39

Dorais is D-o-r-a-i-s. Dorais.

B Beth Oljar 18:43

Okay, so he's French

D Dave Chow 18:46

What? Like the Flying Dutchman maybe or something like that? Or is it Tour de France?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:48

No. I see where you're going -

H Heather Hill 18:50

Do we get the sport?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52

You know what? Let's see. So mostly -

D Dave Chow 18:55

Is it curling, Dan?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:56

Mostly football, but he also did some basketball. And he was a very very legendary coach. I'm surprised. I'm actually a little bit surprised.

S Stephen Manning 19:05

Gus Dorais?

D Dave Chow 19:08
Wait a minute. Is it somebody UDM? Oh, hold on. I'm seeing Mio eyebrows go skyward here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:15
They were going skyward. And you can watch that now if you watch our video feed on YouTube if you want. Yes.

D Dave Chow 19:21
Um - Charles "Gus: Dorais

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:23
I'm surprised. I'm surprised. Do you remember the name of the goofy - um - mule in the Disney movies that could kick a football?

D Dave Chow 19:33
Gus.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:33
Yes. His nickname was "Gus" Dorais - for whatever reason. The legendary Gus Dorais joined the University of Detroit as the athletic director and head football coach in 1925. He coached for 18 seasons with an astounding, never-so-beaten record of 113-48 and 7.

J James Tubbs 19:52
Just a couple of years before I got here (Laughs).

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:55
He coached Titans Basketball from 1925 to 1929. He left U of D in 1943 to become the head coach, general manager and part owner of the newly-formed Detroit Spartans who became the Detroit Lions.

D Dave Chow 20:08
Are we sure Diane Manica didn't date him back in the day? She'll kill me. She'll kill me.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:11

And the most important piece of trivia surrounding Gus Dorais, he had a very, very, very famous roommate at Notre Dame. And so it is up for debate, whether Newt Rockne or Gus Dorais invented the forward pass. And not many people know this, but the road that goes through campus here at the McNichols campus is named Charles E Gus Dorais Drive, but they took all the signs now for the last renovation. So there's no way that the students would know that.

D

Dave Chow 20:42

Is it time to put them back up?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:43

Somebody involved with the university. If you go to the lobby of Calihan Hall, you can see pictures of him, but he was a pretty important sports figure.

H

Heather Hill 20:49

Thank you for those questions.

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:51

Yeah, those were very, very good. Let's talk about an Imponderable.

D

Dave Chow 20:58

Uh-oh

M

Michael Jayson 20:58

It's an Ask The Professor IMPONDERABLE!

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:03

I probably could have brought the imponderable out closer to the beginning. We were on fire there for a little while.



D Dave Chow 21:08
We could have an all imponderable show if we want. We should and frankly, are friends -the Burroughs family because these are from Frank and the family Burroughs. They said they're working on a new list for us coming up soon. Is there a favorite bookstore that you have? Any bookstore you've ever been to?

B Beth Oljar 21:27
Powell's Bookstore in Portland, Oregon.

S Stephen Manning 21:29
Yeah.

H Heather Hill 21:31
Yes, I was gonna say Powell's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:33
Oh, that's so great. I love it.

B Beth Oljar 21:34
Yeah, you have to have a map when you go into that store. They give you a map.

H Heather Hill 21:37
Three of us have said Powells

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:39
Okay. Three

J James Tubbs 21:40
I think The Strand in lower Manhattan. That's a great bookstore.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:44
Okay.

Okay,

D Dave Chow 21:44
I'm local. I'll go Bookbeat

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:46
Bookbeat

D Dave Chow 21:46
In Oak Park.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:46
That's a classic move. Absolutely.

D Dave Chow 21:48
They're friends of mine. And they're also fellow artists. And they - you know, they also bring a lot of artists to talk and lecture as well


H Heather Hill 21:55
And they paid you to say this. No, I'm kidding.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:59
What are their hours? I'm joking.


D Dave Chow 22:02
I just go there during the daytime.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:04
That's right. Exactly. When you're awake.





 Dave Chow 22:07
Barely.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:09
We've got Dan. We've got Mara.


 Dan Maggio 22:10
I don't have any -


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:11
Come on. Nobody's shooting for Borders? Dan, You like books. You could say Amazon if you want.


 Dave Chow 22:16
Bite your tongue.

 Dan Maggio 22:16
No, I wouldn't say that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:18
Borders? the old days of Borders?

 Dan Maggio 22:21
I don't know that I have one

 James Tubbs 22:22
John E King locally.

 Dan Maggio 22:25
Okay, I'll say that

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:26
There you go.

D Dan Maggio 22:27
I've only been there once.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:28
They're alright.

B Beth Oljar 22:28
Books A Million is pretty good.

D Dave Chow 22:30
Not the same.

H Heather Hill 22:31
Eh, A little kitschy

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:33
The toy section seems to be getting bigger every time I go.

H Heather Hill 22:36
Yeah. It's fun though.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:36
It's like - Is that. a bookstore?

J James Tubbs 22:38
I am interested though, in how their vinyl record section is now bigger than the CD section.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:45
That is true Well, this last year -

J James Tubbs 22:47
They outsold them

D Dave Chow 22:48
Yeah. Harder to scratch CD. That's what I understand.

S Stephen Manning 22:52
I will also mentioned the Harvard Coupe

H Heather Hill 22:54
Ohh!

S Stephen Manning 22:55
and City Lights in San Francisco.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:56
There you go.

S Stephen Manning 22:56
Both great bookstores.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:56
Mara, we're waiting for you. Bookstores of your youth. She's a digital girl. She doesn't - Books?
Are you kidding.

M Mara Livezey 23:03
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You know, In my youth it wasn't bookstores, it was the library. Right? So my only memories being around books is being like at the Clarkston Library where I grew up. But since then, yeah, bookstores are disappearing. So honestly, yes, I mostly E-read on my device these days., so I'm purchasing electronic versions of books. But - when I do buy a hardcopy book these days, I buy from bookshop.org And so they actually donate to local bookstores.

B Beth Oljar 23:36
Oh, cool!

M Mara Livezey 23:36
So I do my best to support local - through buying online which is super convenient.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:42
So, did you ever live where your parents live now and go to the Baldwin or go to the - because Baldwin's a really nice library.

M Mara Livezey 23:48
No. So I never - I didn't grow up in Birmingham. They moved there after I had left college.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:55
Got it. Got it. Okay. Because that's - uh, my kids ask to go there. Oops - Instead of the Berkley Library.

D Dave Chow 24:01
The nerve!

J James Tubbs 24:02
Actually, the Southfield Library'ss pretty good too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:04
Southfield is just about one of the best.

J

J James Tubbs 24:05
Yeah, they've done a good job there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:07
Absolutely. I mean, I miss the Borders. They had the right vibe at Borders.

D Dave Chow 24:13
Yes they did

M Mara Livezey 24:13
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:13
But then every single time I had to - I'm not joking - mentally prepare myself for "Okay. There's probably going to be a shelf and a half of chemistry in the science section. And then there's going to be 12 shelves in a row of Self Help, New Age. Put crystals in your ears and stuff like that.

B Beth Oljar 24:31
And the stuff they think that passes for philosophy. Yeah, like -

J James Tubbs 24:35
Oh, how about what they think passes for religion?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:42
But the one actually that was across from the 555 in Birmingham, that's now a drugstore. The two story story with a big staircase. My kids even still talk about that -

H Heather Hill 24:53
Yep.

D Dave Chow 24:53

It's legendary.

J James Tubbs 24:54
Yeah, Borders had a good one!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:54
when they were growing up. That was a good bookstore.

S Stephen Manning 24:56
That was close to - what's it called?

H Heather Hill 24:59
Papa Joe's?

S Stephen Manning 25:00
Papa Joe's.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:00
Oh, yeah absolutely. So, yeah, it's just, uh -

D Dave Chow 25:06
Now, Okay, Matt, that being said, What's the difference between Borders and Barnes and Noble in your head?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:10
Barnes and Noble felt weird to me.

D Dave Chow 25:12
Yeah. I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:13
It felt wierd. Borders was a Michigan company.

M Mara Livezey 25:15
Yeah. But, I kept on looking at like, "Okay, they both serve snacks and munchies. They both have great books and a great magazine section. What's the difference?"

J James Tubbs 25:23
Borders was less Kichi than Barnes and Nobel.

D Dave Chow 25:25
Okay. Alright.

J James Tubbs 25:26
I mean, Barnes and Noble is as much a cafe as it is a bookstore.

B Beth Oljar 25:30
I think it's the size of the gift section. You know, andbeing able to buy book ends and -

J James Tubbs 25:36
Borders was more about books, and maps,

D Dave Chow 25:40
And also bringing in local authors to sign their books.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:42
That is true.

D Dave Chow 25:44
Because I remember - what was it - we got - Elmore Leonard was signing sy the Birmingham
one

one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:48
Yep.

D Dave Chow 25:49
So we had him autograph a few things.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:51
And Detroit Mercy's - now retired. But Tom Stanton from our Communication Studies Department, he was going and signing his books for his Tigers sequence, his Hank Aaron book. Actually, I got him to sign that book up there in Birmingham. It's kind of sad thinking about it, but - I don't know if I've ever told the story is a very, very, very cute, tiny little bookstore in Petoskey, Michigan called Between The Covers.

H Heather Hill 26:17
Oh, I've been to that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:18
Yeah, and -

D Dave Chow 26:19
That sounds like a duvet store.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:20
my in laws go every year. And so you know, whole family tags along. And I walked -because the kids actually asked to go there. There's no real bookstore like that, besides Bookbeat locally. And so we go traditionally, and I walk in and Tom Stanton is there. So I just sort of come up behind him. I'm like, "Do you want to sign this again?" Like, you know, It was cool.

H Heather Hill 26:36
Oh, wow!

D Dan Maggio 26:43
Now I have an answer. It took me like 10 minutes to figure out. So, you mentioned Petoskey, but in Glen Arbor there is also a bookstore. It's an old log - like a log cabin. And it has a lot of wonderful Michigan books, but it's a cute little bookstore. Great cooking section. So there is my answer.

H Heather Hill 27:02
There you go, Dan. Dan! Dan!

D Dave Chow 27:05
Nicely done. And I was just in Petoskey too

J James Tubbs 27:09
Good recovery, Dan.

D Dan Maggio 27:11
Thank you. I'm guessing the snow season is bountiful. Up there?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:15
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 27:15
No, there was hardly any snow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:17
Unbelievable.

D Dan Maggio 27:18
I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:18

Unbelievable. Little Traverse Bay.

D Dave Chow 27:20
Global warming? Nah!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:22
Yeah. Well, we're going to reconsider climate change, but I'm afraid the time has come for us to say goodbye, Beth.

B Beth Oljar 27:30
Goodbye,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:31
Stephen.

S Stephen Manning 27:31
Goodbye,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:32
Dan.

D Dan Maggio 27:33
Goodbye,

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

J James Tubbs 27:34
Goodbye,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:34
Dave.

D Dave Chow 27:35
See ya.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:35
Mara

M Mara Livezey 27:36
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:36
and Heather.

H Heather Hill 27:37
Bye bye. Now these words.

M Michael Jayson 27:39
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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:49
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