

ATP 2331 transcript

Matt Mio 0:00

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, looking something up on her phone. It's Professor Beth Oljar.

Beth Oljar 0:20

Good to be here. It looks like it is on Peacock.

Matt Mio 0:23

There we go.

Beth Oljar 0:24

Yeah, cool.

Matt Mio 0:24

Midstream. It's the only way to tell a story. It's like, "Why is that big spaceship firing at that little one? I'm in the middle of the action". So who knows what we were talking about before you grabbed your phone and looked it up.

Beth Oljar 0:36

Dan was asking about the "NUN VS. A-I" show. And so I was looking up to see if it was on Peacock. You can always find that stuff on the internet because you just pull up the series and click on "watch options" and it'll tell you where -

Matt Mio 0:51

There you go.

Beth Oljar 0:51

I'm so tech savvy.

Matt Mio 0:53

We just heard about TED LASSO starting up again soon from Professor Stephen Manning.

Stephen Manning 0:59

Yeah, so it's back.

Matt Mio 1:01

I'm not up to speed because Wednesday's Mandalorian so I gotta

Beth Oljar 1:05

I don't have Hulu. So I don't get to see TED LASSO. Or Apple Plus TV or whatever it is.

James Tubbs 1:12

Yeah. It's on Apple Plus.

Matt Mio 1:13

Someone could give you like a login, Beth. We can work something out.

Dave Chow 1:16

Do we need to work on -

James Tubbs 1:17

Don't say that when it's going to be broadcast.

Heather Hill 1:21

I got a nasty email the other day from -

James Tubbs 1:23

Netflix?

Heather Hill 1:24

Yes. Saying "Netflix is supposed to be used in one household only".

James Tubbs 1:29

Yep.

Dave Chow 1:29

Well, we're one big family.

Matt Mio 1:30

I know. Seriously,

Stephen Manning 1:32

I thought you referring to the nasty email you got from your daughter saying, "Did you change the Hulu password?" (The professors laugh)

Heather Hill 1:39

All the time. I get this all the time.

James Tubbs 1:40

My problem is - You know, when I go on vacation and like rent a house from Verbo; I will transfer Netflix to there. And sometimes I forget -

Dan Maggio 1:49

Oh, don't.

James Tubbs 1:49

to delete it before I leave.

Dave Chow 1:50

Don't do that. I stayed at one in Cincinnati a couple of weeks ago. And I go like - "Woe!",

Dan Maggio 1:56

I'll tell you a funny story when it's my turn.

Matt Mio 1:59

It is your turn, Professor Dan Maggio.

Stephen Manning 2:01

(Laughs) I'm done, apparently.

Dan Maggio 2:03

We were - Some of you know, my good friend Kenny.

Dave Chow 2:06

Yes.

Dan Maggio 2:06

So we rented a house last summer in the Pentwater area, and one of the previous guests had left their YouTube account active. So, of course you know that if you search things, YouTube learns, and then it customizes your - so he Googled kind of the worst -

Dave Chow 2:27

Oh, no!

Dan Maggio 2:28

some of the worst stuff, knowing that there's some guy out there who's getting a feed of -

Matt Mio 2:32

Right. Who knows what.

Dan Maggio 2:36

Yes, make sure you -

Dave Chow 2:37

log out

Dan Maggio 2:38

Or just take your Roku with you, and you can just hook into your TV that way.

Matt Mio 2:44

Sure. Absolutely.

Beth Oljar 2:44

Knowing Kenny he would have come up with some interesting sites.

James Tubbs 2:47

Some really good ones.

Dan Maggio 2:48

There were a lot of drag queens, I'm sure on this man's feed.

Heather Hill 2:52

Isn't that kind of unethical?

Yeah. for something more unethical. Yeah.

Beth Oljar 2:57

Well isn't using other people's login IDs unethical?

James Tubbs 3:00

No, it's already logged in.

Matt Mio 3:02

It's sort of like the videos where they scam the scammers. Do you know what I mean.

Dan Maggio 3:05

Well, it wasn't destructive feed stuff. It was -

James Tubbs 3:08

It was humorous

Dan Maggio 3:09

Humorous.

Matt Mio 3:10

You're reminding me of the internet legend of the ex boyfriend or girlfriend that still remembers the old Netflix password. And the best one that I ever saw was they had changed one of the login logos to your sort of classic, that little ring of dots that looks like something's loading; and changed the name underneath it to "Loading", so people would just ignore that they still had access to the Netflix account. And they were still using it, like - "What's loading over here? I don't know." You click on it, and it's someone else's account. I think that's pretty funny. Let's see what streaming legends does Professor Jim Tubbs know.

James Tubbs 3:44

Oh, I'm totally out of 'em. (The professors laugh)

Yeah. There's somebody in Spain right now logging in. Right?

I hope not.

Matt Mio 3:51

Yeah, but that's exactly - I'll tell you what, there's no question in my travels which are very, very scant, that that's the future of not having to deal with stuff if you're, like at a hotel. All you need is to give somebody an internet device and then say "Oh, use your own password".

James Tubbs 4:06

Well, the place we were staying in in Spain - the apartment we were in in Spain, it had Google Chromecast, so we just connected that way - through our computers.

Matt Mio 4:13

There you go. Exactly.

James Tubbs 4:14

through our computers.

Matt Mio 4:15

You don't have to hook up cable or local channels anymore. It's just - the whole world is waiting for you, right? so -

James Tubbs 4:21

We watched the whole season of WEDNESDAY.

Dan Maggio 4:24

Oh, that is very good.

Mara Livezey 4:28

So enjoyable,

James Tubbs 4:29

It's so much darker than the original. The problem is - my favorite character was the one who turned out to be bad. (Laughs)

Matt Mio 4:37

Aww - that's too bad.

Mara Livezey 4:39

Sorry.

Dan Maggio 4:39

Shhh! I haven't watched it.

Dave Chow 4:39

Yeah, I didn't watched it either.

Beth Oljar 4:41

"Only I am allowed to torment my brother".

Matt Mio 4:43

(Laughs) Professor Dave Chow is here as well.

Dave Chow 4:47

Pleasure to be here, as always.

What's going on?

Not not too much. Just got back from Cincinnati a couple weeks ago, so I'm good.

Matt Mio 4:53

Are you doing some ghost show stuff?

Dave Chow 4:55

What's that?

Matt Mio 4:55

Ghost show stuff?

Dave Chow 4:56

No, I had a movie premiere that I worked on.

Matt Mio 4:58

Wow!

Dave Chow 4:58

For the Cincinnati Cyclones, which was the Montreal Canadiens minor league team.

Matt Mio 5:04

That's right.

Dave Chow 5:04

They won everything under God's green earth, because none of those guys could make it to the majors; because back in the day, Montreal had that dynasty and nobody could climb up.

Matt Mio 5:14

Wow. That's pretty awesome.

Dave Chow 5:15

So, a friend of mine did the movie - did the documentary and he had me do the art work.

Mara Livezey 5:19

Cool!

Matt Mio 5:19

Very, very cool.

Dave Chow 5:20

So I went down there, sat through it all and met some 90-year-old hockey players who are still pretty spry.

Matt Mio 5:26

Nice.

Dave Chow 5:27

So it was good.

Matt Mio 5:28

Very, very cool. Uh, Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today.

Mara Livezey 5:33

I am

Matt Mio 5:33

And what connections to hockey do you have?

Mara Livezey 5:37

Well, my brothers played growing up -

Matt Mio 5:44

That's good.

Mara Livezey 5:41

so, that's like probably the one sport that I know the most about other than soccer, which I played growing up.

Matt Mio 5:45

Okay. Got it. So you never played hockey?

Mara Livezey 5:50

Well -

Stephen Manning 5:50

You got on the ice.

Mara Livezey 5:51

I played street hockey with my brothers -

Matt Mio 5:52

Okay

Mara Livezey 5:52

but I didn't. I wasn't particularly interested in a more physical sport than soccer.

Matt Mio 5:57

Mm-hm. Nice. We have a critical mass - Mara knows - of students this year that are in the lobby studying and they're always talking about hockey, and so it's actually been a good season for that. So when the Wings win six games in a row, like everything is nice; and then they lose 11 in a row things go back down and things like that.

Dave Chow 6:15

Oh, so maddening.

Matt Mio 6:17

Professor Heather Hill is here with us today.

Heather Hill 6:19

Hello.

Matt Mio 6:20

You look a little nonplussed

Heather Hill 6:21

I just - you know, I've got a million things coming at me all the time.

Matt Mio 6:25

All the time.

Dave Chow 6:25

That's because you didn't finish the other half of the donut.

Beth Oljar 6:28

She's not looking very plussed.

Matt Mio 6:29

(Laughs) If it's not your daughter - did I hear - emailing you about the Hulu password?

Heather Hill 6:30

No - texting me.

Matt Mio 6:35

Oh, texting you. Okay.

Heather Hill 6:36

Actually, I don't have a darn thing going on in my life. (The professors laugh)

Okay. That's good.

Dave Chow 6:41

No, I'm not plussed. I'm bland.

Heather Hill 6:44

(Laughs)

Matt Mio 6:44

That's great. It's always good to be busy. I think we might miss it someday. But that's just me talking.

Heather Hill 6:44

Mm -You know, I don't know. We'll see.

Matt Mio 6:47

(Laughs) It might be nice to do nothing for a while.

Dave Chow 6:55

I wouldn't know how.

James Tubbs 6:56

Yes, sometimes it's good to be half busy.

Matt Mio 6:58

Yeah

Mara Livezey 6:59

Yeah

Matt Mio 6:59

That's true.

Dave Chow 7:00

How?

James Tubbs 7:00

Retire.

Once again, this is - Ask The Professor.

Matt Mio 7:03

It's true.

And - Ask The Professor is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stop the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in

a number of ways. You can email 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. Here we go. More questions all over the proverbial map from our good friend Kymberleigh Richards out of California. Lots of verbiage giving backgrounds on the answers. It wouldn't be the same without that. "Hope all is well with everyone". Okay, let's get down to it. What was pictured on the original patent application that chemist Julius Samann submitted for the first hanging car air freshener?

Mara Livezey 7:03

What?!

Dave Chow 7:15

It wasn't like a -

James Tubbs 7:46

A pine tree? (Laughs)

Beth Oljar 7:48

A little pine tree.

Matt Mio 7:57

You know, we want to emphasize -

Dave Chow 8:00

A donut

Matt Mio 8:00

that it would not have been the pine trees in this case.

James Tubbs 8:04

Aww.

Matt Mio 8:04

Yes.

Dave Chow 8:04

So Mara, what did they use for those things? Yeah.

Mara Livezey 8:08

I mean, I would say - like, a smiley face.

Matt Mio 8:11

That's a pretty good guess.

Mara Livezey 8:12

Or, like a benzene ring.

James Tubbs 8:13

A rose blossom.

Stephen Manning 8:16

A cat or a puppy?

Dave Chow 8:17

Aww!

Matt Mio 8:18

Um -

James Tubbs 8:18

(Laughs) They don't always smell good.

Heather Hill 8:19

Flowers?

Mara Livezey 8:21

A car.

Beth Oljar 8:22

The Mr. Clean guy.

James Tubbs 8:24

(Laughs)

Mara Livezey 8:24

(Laughs) Just a bald dude.

Beth Oljar 8:26

Exactly.

Matt Mio 8:27

No. FYI - The then revolutionary air freshener came to be in about 1952, when a milk truck driver in Northern New York complained to Samann about the smell of spilled milk in the truck. To address the issue, he combined fragrances with a specialty type of paper. In addition to Royal Pine, the first fragrances were spice and bouquet. The range gradually expanded to include such smells as Caribbean Colada -

Dave Chow 8:54

Ohh!

Matt Mio 8:55

Vanilla-rama -

Mara Livezey 8:56

Yum.

New car?

Matt Mio 8:57

New Car scent -

Heather Hill 8:58

Martini?

Matt Mio 8:59

and of course Black Ice.

Mara Livezey 9:01

What?

James Tubbs 9:01

What was it - a milk jug then?

Matt Mio 9:03

It was not. There's no other way I think I can give this to you except for - remember the last time you were on a long road trip and you were looking at the mud flaps of maybe an 18-wheeler in front of you?

Dave Chow 9:16

Oh, wait a minute. The girl?

Matt Mio 9:17

It was the buxom pinup - was the shape.

Mara Livezey 9:20

Oh, the pinup

Dave Chow 9:20

Oh. Okay. I've got that on the back of my snowboard.

James Tubbs 9:28

(Laughs)

Matt Mio 9:28

Um -for the record, Samann's company is still live under the name LITTLE TREES is what he settled on.

Heather Hill 9:28

I don't get it.

Stephen Manning 9:30

Do they still make the original - ?

Matt Mio 9:33

It does not say that they make the original, but the trees are still kicking.

Heather Hill 9:39

But what is the logic?

Stephen Manning 9:40

I'll check it on GOOGLE.

Matt Mio 9:40

The logic?

Heather Hill 9:41

That men - only heterosexual men drive cars?

Matt Mio 9:44

I don't know what the logic is.

Dave Chow 9:46

There isn't any.

Stephen Manning 9:47

All truck drivers have cars -

Matt Mio 9:49

Yeah.

Stephen Manning 9:49

when they're not driving the truck.

Beth Oljar 9:51

Well, and if you see it on a truck, that might - I guess - If you're the inventor -

Heather Hill 9:57

Alright.

Stephen Manning 9:58

That's on the pickup truck of, uh - on CHRISTMAS VACATION

Matt Mio 10:02

Exactly

Stephen Manning 10:02

In the opening scene, there's a silver - flapping along -

Dave Chow 10:05

And before I get myself into too much trouble, the only reason I have that in the back of my snowboard was - I picked that up in a truckstop in Nebraska at 3:30 in the morning.

James Tubbs 10:14

Okay. Let's just face it. I think this guy just had limited imagination.

Matt Mio 10:19

I think so

Dave Chow 10:21

It's the 1950s clipart.

Mara Livezey 10:22

Yep.

Heather Hill 10:23

It's still weird

Matt Mio 10:23

FYI - the Bavarian born Samann actually fled the Nazis at the beginning of World War Two, and ended up in Canada and became a renowned chemist for extracting terpenes from the pine forests.

Mara Livezey 10:39

Wow.

Stephen Manning 10:39

It could have been the Vargas Girls.

Dave Chow 10:41

True.

Matt Mio 10:42

After what tiny creature was the color puce named?

Dave Chow 10:47

Tiny creature?

Beth Oljar 10:48

It's pink.

Matt Mio 10:48

Puce translated means what color?

Stephen Manning 10:54

Yeah, like a pink

Heather Hill 10:55

Puce is like a pumice.

Matt Mio 11:00

So, I've got dark reddish or purplish brown is what it says here. 1775

Stephen Manning 11:07

Possum.

Matt Mio 11:09

Nope.

Mara Livezey 11:10

(Shows Matt and the others her phone screen displaying the color puce)

Matt Mio 11:11

There it is.

Dave Chow 11:11

Yeah, that's what I thought.

Heather Hill 11:12

Oh, really?

Matt Mio 11:12

Mm-hm

Beth Oljar 11:14

So it's mauve.

Matt Mio 11:15

So this is -

Dave Chow 11:17

No, it's -

Matt Mio 11:15

This is pretty gross.

Dan Maggio 11:18

Like a mole?

Matt Mio 11:23

No. It's a tiny creature

Dan Maggio 11:24

A larva ?

You're getting very, very close

Beth Oljar 11:27

A bacteria.

Matt Mio 11:29

So, sadly, you would have had - in 1775 - a lot of these creatures -

Heather Hill 11:35

Lice

Matt Mio 11:35

Ugh! in your sheets lice. If you tried to get rid of them and crush them, they would bleed; and the sooner or later-

James Tubbs 11:42

Ticks?

Dave Chow 11:43

Lice?

Matt Mio 11:43

So close. Fleas. It means "the flea color" is what puce means - So - Wow.

Mara Livezey 11:50

Nasty.

Matt Mio 11:50

Let's switch gears.

Heather Hill 11:51

Sorry, I had to get that little bit in there.

Stephen Manning 11:55

Thank you for that.

Dave Chow 11:55

Thanks a lot Boom-boom.

Heather Hill 11:56

That's what popped into my head

James Tubbs 11:58

How literary!

Heather Hill 11:59

Especially after - you know- the bodacious -

Matt Mio 12:02

I know.

I thought you were gonna say that it pused into your head.

Heather Hill 12:06

Oh, No - no -no.

Matt Mio 12:07

What legendary baseball player hit the very first homerun at the very first baseball All Star game in 1933 at Comiskey Park - Chicago, Illinois.

Stephen Manning 12:16

Uh - Babe Ruth.

Matt Mio 12:17

It was Babe Ruth. Yes, absolutely. FYI - Babe Ruth only played one more All Star game after that. It's kind of interesting, because that was his final season with the Yankees.

Stephen Manning 12:27

They played that at Comiskey Park

Matt Mio 12:30

Mm-hm

Dave Chow 12:30

Yeah, Marcy's grandfather had a story. I guess - after that he used to do barnstorming tours or he would just play. And there was one time - he told me - when he was a little kid, Babe Ruth hit a home run rounding third; and as opposed to coming home, he just dashed over the fence pushed open the door and let all the little kids in. So the little kids got in free

Beth Oljar 12:44

Cool!

Mara Livezey 12:45

Nice.

Matt Mio 12:46

That's funny. The Oxford English Dictionary's 2022 Word of the Year from just a couple of months ago was Goblin mode. What was that word 10 years ago?

Heather Hill 13:04

So, in 2012?

Matt Mio 13:09

2012

Beth Oljar 13:11

What did it mean?

Dave Chow 13:12

No, no -

Matt Mio 13:12

What was it?

Stephen Manning 13:13

Oh, what was the word?

Matt Mio 13:15

It would have been relatively new at that point. Oxford editors noted that the usage of that word went up 17,000% in print once they made their decision back in 2012.

Dave Chow 13:26

L-O-L or something like that?

Matt Mio 13:28

No, I think it's a late for L-O-L, but it was right on the spot for something that I'm sure you all think has always been there. But no, it was new back then.

Dan Maggio 13:36

So, politically what was going on in 2012?

Matt Mio 13:39

Less politically, more global device-ly

Heather Hill 13:43

Google?

Beth Oljar 13:44

Googling?

Dan Maggio 13:47

Texting?

Beth Oljar 13:48

Emoji?

Dave Chow 13:48

Sexting?

Matt Mio 13:49

I could make a motion, and you all would know exactly what I mean, but the people -

Mara Livezey 13:53

Swipe?

Matt Mio 13:53

the people listening would not know.

Dave Chow 13:58

Loser?

Mara Livezey 13:58

Selfie!

Matt Mio 14:00

The word is "Selfie". It is noted -

Dave Chow 14:01

I thought Matt was airing out his deodorant.

Yes, It was noted that "Goblin mode" refers to a type of behavior which is unapologetically self indulgent, lazy, slovenly or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms".

James Tubbs 14:14

They needed a new word for that?

Dave Chow 14:16

Yeah. It was called one of my classes

Stephen Manning 14:19

To replace "being a jackass"?

James Tubbs 14:21

How about every-day behavior? (Laughs)

Matt Mio 14:23

I don't know if we've ever had a question like this before. What is a daug? Stick with me here? D-A-U-G. What is a daug?

Beth Oljar 14:32

Um - Well, someone who goes to the University of Washington

Matt Mio 14:36

Oh, well, yeah that's sounds pretty good. But do they spell it that way? D-a-u-g.

Beth Oljar 14:43

Oh, not "u". I'm sorry. I thought you said 'w'

Stephen Manning 14:47

Who let the dogs out?

Heather Hill 14:48

Is it a tool?

Matt Mio 14:50

No, it is - uh - It's a dog. A d-o-g. It's a kind of dog.

Dave Chow 14:55

Like a dachshund?

Matt Mio 14:55

It's a dachshund-pug!

Heather Hill 15:00

Oh!

It's a dog dog. "How about gollies, chugs, puggles and pomskeys?" Kymberleigh says. These are all crossbred purebreds, which is, by the way, horrific. And if you really want to hear more about it, you can come to Berkley, Michigan where we have protests daily at the -

Dave Chow 15:22

The puppy-gram

Matt Mio 15:22

At the puppy-gram. Yeah,. they're puppymill puppies, and they're horrific and people are protesting about them every day.

Heather Hill 15:28

Good. Where is it?

Dave Chow 15:27

On Woodward

Matt Mio 15:30

Yeah, just north of Woodward and 11-and-a-half. Yeah.

Mara Livezey 15:32

Adopt, don't shop, folks.

Matt Mio 15:34

There you go. There you go.

Dave Chow 15:35

I mean, \$5,000 for French Bulldog.

Mara Livezey 15:39

No, thank you.

Matt Mio 15:40

No, thanks. America's favorite breed.

Dave Chow 15:42

Yes.

Beth Oljar 15:43

You know, sometimes the best dogs are the Heinz 57 -

Dave Chow 15:47

Give me the mutt!

Beth Oljar 15:47

The mutt.

James Tubbs 15:48

Yeah.

Matt Mio 15:48

Yeah, exactly.

James Tubbs 15:49

The mutt that loves ya.

Dave Chow 15:50

Yeah.

Mara Livezey 15:51

Yeah.

Beth Oljar 15:51

Mm-hm.

Matt Mio 15:52

I'm looking in a decidedly Heather direction, when I ask the question "According to royal decree, how many ravens must be in residents at England's Tower Of London to protect the monarchy from falling?"

Mara Livezey 16:06

20?

Dan Maggio 16:06

13?

Matt Mio 16:07

No, it says here it's only six. and there's always an extra one just for insurance.

Dave Chow 16:13

Wait a minute. What - a bird comes off the bench?

James Tubbs 16:15

Well, when I saw them, there were more than six there.

Heather Hill 16:15

Do you hold up cards and swap at the sidelines?

Matt Mio 16:21

I don't know what to say.

Beth Oljar 16:22

Somebody would have to presumably be keeping track of how many there are

Dave Chow 16:26

What - is somebody taking attendance we don't know about.

James Tubbs 16:29

Yeah.

Currently the total list of the names of the ravens, the six that are supposed to be there and the bench are Jubilee, Harris, Grip, Rocky, Aaron, Poppy, Georgie, Edgar and - I think I have a crush on - Bronwyn.

Notice none of them were named after beheaded residents.

Matt Mio 16:50

Yes. It started by the way - the tradition was started by King Charles the second in the 17th century.

James Tubbs 16:57

Yeah, that's who was afraid if they flew away, the monarchy would end.

Matt Mio 17:00

Yes.

Beth Oljar 17:01

It's where he his head cut off, didn't he?

James Tubbs 17:03

No, that was Charles the First. This was his offspring who was the foppish one, the lavish one.

Matt Mio 17:10

Who was Time magazine's first man of the year - in 1927.

Charles Lindbergh.

Yes, Charles Lindbergh.

Beth Oljar 17:17

Not a very nice guy.

Dave Chow 17:19

No.

Beth Oljar 17:20

I've just finished reading a really good book by Lynn Olson, who's basically has a cottage industry on World War Two books called THOSE ANGRY DAYS, about the huge very public battle between Roosevelt and Lindbergh Over entering World War Two,

James Tubbs 17:38

Well, let's say he was ethically challenged in number of ways.

Beth Oljar 17:41

Yeah, I think so.

Matt Mio 17:42

It figures pretty prominently, by the way, into Ken Burns' THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST series,

Beth Oljar 17:49

Oh, yeah. -which I own now.

Matt Mio 17:50

They've got all of this live video gathering, you know, yeah, Lindbergh talking to these thousands. And he was just as charismatic as any person.

Beth Oljar 18:00

Well, actually, there's a really good movie called RACE, which is about Jesse Owens.

Matt Mio 18:05

Oh, yeah.

Beth Oljar 18:05

In both his early career in track in the U.S., but then the big fight with the UF of C about whether the U.S. was going to participate in the '36 Olympics. And then, you know, everything that - it's actually really good. I recommend it. Jeremy Irons plays Avery Brundage,

Matt Mio 18:21

Professors< Why did sculptor Don Featherstone have 56 pink plastic flamingos on his front lawn?

Dave Chow 18:28

Because he could.

Matt Mio 18:30

"Because he could" is personal credit. Yeah.

Beth Oljar 18:31

Lack of taste?

James Tubbs 18:31

He invented them?

Yes, he invented the kitschy Flamingo lawn ornaments in 1957 and he saw them take off and sell by the millions. His front lawn display commemorated the year of his bright pink bird brainstorm. And he was awarded the 1996 Ig Noble art prize, if you've ever heard of those.

Mara Livezey 18:51

That seems about right.

Dave Chow 18:52

Mm-hm.

Yes, Featherstone based his creation of photographs from National Geographic

And he's loaded, probably.

Beth Oljar 18:59

I never really quite got the appeal.

Stephen Manning 19:01

I wonder if he had a Wisconsin connection, because one day in I think it's in the spring at Wisconsin, they blanket Bascom Hill which is from the mall up to the main building with these pink flamingos!

Dave Chow 19:16

Yeah, you would call them up and they would pepper your yard.

James Tubbs 19:19

Well, I bet if you go down to the villages in Florida, you'll find like every other yard full

Dan Maggio 19:23

(Laughs)

Heather Hill 19:23

Yeah, but some of those are alive

Beth Oljar 19:25

Unless - Yeah, until Ron Desantis makes those illegal too. Right? Yeah. "They're woke pelicans!" (The professors laugh)

Mara Livezey 19:32

I love that. Let's make that a thing.

Stephen Manning 19:34

They'd use them in Sun City but they can't get them into their concrete lawns.

Matt Mio 19:42

Professors, which Ivy - Um, prepare yourself. Which Ivy League college was the last to admit women in 1983?

Heather Hill 19:56

Harvard?

James Tubbs 19:56

83?!

Matt Mio 19:48

In 1983.

Stephen Manning 19:56

Not Penn State

Beth Oljar 19:57

Brown

Stephen Manning 19:58

Not Harvard. No, not Brown.

James Tubbs 20:01

Columbia?

Columbia

Stephen Manning 20:03

Columbia,

Matt Mio 20:04

The result of an agreement with its sister institution -

Heather Hill 20:08

eBarnard?

Matt Mio 20:08

Barnard. Yes, the first co-ed class admitted was 45% female, and some remarked at the time that it was nearly undetectable that there had been no women students the year before. Interesting. Prior to 1983, the only modern day women graduates of Columbia were Anna Kornbrot and Ann Stein, who were accepted into a joint program with Barnard.

Dave Chow 20:29

Now, wasn't one of those programs where they still allowed women to attend but they couldn't graduate?

Matt Mio 20:35

Something like that. Right, but if you told me that was the 20's ,I would believe you. You know what I mean? Not 1983.

Dave Chow 20:40

Yeah

Give me a break. Oh, my! Of course I am now going to look in a Mara direction with "What does the X and X-ray stand for? (Long pause follows)

Beth Oljar 20:52

(Laughs) And Mara has this deer-in-the-headlights look on her face.

Mara Livezey 20:55

Well - all of my knowledge has left my head

Matt Mio 20:59

That's alright.

Stephen Manning 21:00

Something like xerographic or something?

Mara Livezey 21:03

Yeah

Matt Mio 21:03

No.

Mara Livezey 21:05

X ray. Does it start with an X

Matt Mio 21:08

Uh - Well, how about I just say that the idea was that X was written as sort of like an afterthought - like "I don't know what to call this yet". It stands for nothing and then it caught on, so - It means unknown

Dave Chow 21:23

Oh, so it's branding thing then

Matt Mio 21:26

It's a placeholder

Beth Oljar 21:26

It's like a variable in math.

Heather Hill 21:28

Geesh, so it sounds chic and dark and gothic.

Matt Mio 21:30

Yep.

Mara Livezey 21:29

Wow.

Matt Mio 21:30

He called it x-radiation to denote its unknown nature. That, of course, Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen. Okay, a little bit of afterthought with this one here - or after bit. "Which of the original 13 colonies did not border the Atlantic? After your fourth wrong guess, I consider you to have failed this question".

James Tubbs 21:54

Tennessee.

Dave Chow 21:56

No, first 13.

James Tubbs 21:57

Oh, first 13

Stephen Manning 21:59

New York No,

Dan Maggio 22:00

Vermont?

Heather Hill 22:01

Vermont was the 14th, I think.

Beth Oljar 22:03

Didn't border the Atlantic

James Tubbs 22:05

New Hampshire?

Stephen Manning 22:06

We only have one guess left

Dan Maggio 22:10

Well, don't say -

Heather Hill 22:12

Conneticut?

Matt Mio 22:12

Oh, and there it is. (Laughs) It did not and still is - the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has no border with the Atlantic.

Dave Chow 22:20

And I was just gonna look at the map

Beth Oljar 22:23

I was thinking about that and then I didn't want to say it because I thought there -

Stephen Manning 22:26

That's right. Pennsylvania does not -

Matt Mio 22:30

Every other of the original 13 did.

Mara Livezey 22:32

I thought somebody said "Pennsylvania"

Beth Oljar 22:34

but there is a wonderful statue of William Penn -

Dave Chow 22:36

Taking a leak.

Beth Oljar 22:38

I know. And Audrey was like "There's William Penn whizzing over the city of Philadelphia!"

Stephen Manning 22:42

It used to be the building of he's on top of - the gold William Penn. For years you could not build a building higher than - taller than William Penn. Until they finally said - you know - we we have to build up.

Beth Oljar 22:53

Everybody should visit Freedom Hall or Independence Hall. I got all verklempt when I was standing in the room where the Declaration Of Independence was signed

Matt Mio 23:04

Professors, after what legendary 1968 rock album did Joan Didion name a book of her essays in 1979?

Stephen Manning 23:11

Uh, not Slouching Towards Bethlehem.

Beth Oljar 23:18

The album came out in '68?

Matt Mio 23:20

The album was '68. Her book was '79 and she said "This album is the 60's to me. Therefore, I'm going to name my compendium by the same"

Dan Maggio 23:31

Godspell?

Beth Oljar 23:32

Gosh, if it's a Beatles album, I'm really gonna -

Dan Maggio 23:35

I don't know.

Stephen Manning 23:39

Not REVOLVER.

Beth Oljar 23:40

No, if it's '68 it's gotta be - it's not Sergeant Pepper. That was 67 So 68 would have been -

Stephen Manning 23:46

Abbey Road. No.

Matt Mio 23:46

No.

Dave Chow 23:48

Come on Beth.

Beth Oljar 23:48

The WHITE album

Matt Mio 23:49

The WHITE Album. Yeah

Beth Oljar 23:52

Whiteness!

Dan Maggio 23:53

But when you think of the 60's, do you think the Beatles?

Beth Oljar 23:57

Yes.

Dan Maggio 23:57

Do you think the Beatles are like the definitive 60s? Because I usually think of like FlowerPower and hippies or I think Joni Mitchell

None of that would have existed without the Beatles

James Tubbs 24:09

The Beatles were so many sounds of the 60's. They were so different.

Dan Maggio 24:13

Okay.

Matt Mio 24:13

Oh my gosh. Listen to this.

Dan Maggio 24:15

I mean, I am the last person to argue with anybody about music.

Beth Oljar 24:17

I mean that's part of why - because they went from doing things like LOVE ME DO in 1963, to like less than seven years later they're producing SERGEANT PEPPERS LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND and -

Dave Chow 24:17

experimental artwork and the

Beth Oljar 24:21

Their genres were so -

There's no band that will ever be better or more influential than the Beatles

Stephen Manning 24:36

Joan Didion just passed away

Matt Mio 24:38

Yeah, she just passed away relatively recently. Professors, would famous poet on three occasions paid a ransom to dognappers for the return of her beloved cocker spaniel.

Mara Livezey 24:50

Wow.

Beth Oljar 24:51

This is a poet? Sylvia Plath?

Matt Mio 24:54

We are talking - uh, the dog dognappings were between September 1843 and said September 1846

Stephen Manning 25:01

Emily Dickinson

Matt Mio 25:02

No.

Beth Oljar 25:03

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Matt Mio 25:05

It was Elizabeth Barrett before she was Browning.

Dave Chow 25:08

Before she had security

Matt Mio 25:09

The name of her cocker spaniel. Aww - His name was Flush.

Dave Chow 25:12

I was waiting for Bronwyn or something

Stephen Manning 25:14

Flush?

Matt Mio 25:15

All three times - Oh no way! All three times a shoemaker named John Taylor, referred to as one of the three great agents of the dog steelers, delivered ransoms of five and six pounds respectively to return Flush to Elizabeth the first two times. The third time, the ransom was just over eight guineas. \$1,000

Stephen Manning 25:36

So it's the same dog all three times

Matt Mio 25:38

Exactly. Her poem "To Flush" was about her cherished pet being stolen

Heather Hill 25:43

Was it Browning that stole it?

Matt Mio 25:45

I just - She had to hire a mercenary.

Beth Oljar 25:49

The new pickup device ,right? Kidnap the dog of the person you're trying to get their attention.

Heather Hill 25:56

There's a John Donne poem about - No, not really

Matt Mio 26:00

(Laughs) Oh, man - I love it.

Beth Oljar 26:01

No man is an island.

Matt Mio 26:03

Mm - My gosh.

James Tubbs 26:04

No dog is an island. (Laughs) For whom the bell tolls, it tolls for Flush.

Matt Mio 26:08

It tolls for Flush. (The professor laugh)

Aparently. No -100 per cent. Oh my gosh.

James Tubbs 26:14

Never send to know for whom Flush flushes. (The professors laugh)

Matt Mio 26:19

We have just a few seconds left. Thank you again. Kymberleigh. Always spectacular questions.

Beth Oljar 26:25

Great questions!

Matt Mio 26:25

Let's finish with this one. When it comes to baseball, how long - in seconds - does the average collision between a pitched baseball and the swinging bat last?

Beth Oljar 26:37

How long does -

Dave Chow 26:38

Point two three?

James Tubbs 26:41

.35 milliseconds

Dan Maggio 26:42

.5 milliseconds?

Beth Oljar 26:43

The collision of the bat with the ball.

Matt Mio 26:45

With the pitched ball.

Beth Oljar 26:45

Okay

Matt Mio 26:46

How many seconds -

Heather Hill 26:47

before it takes off

Matt Mio 26:48

Yes,

Mara Livezey 26:48

Like - three milliseconds?

Matt Mio 26:50

Honestly, I'm giving it to Mara. A lot of you were close. It's basically exactly a millisecond. It's sort of interesting. To put this in context, the speed of the human eye blink is 100 to 400 milliseconds, or between 1/10 and one half of a second, or there are 86,400,000 milliseconds in the 24-hour day, and it's only - you know - one of those. So that's pretty wild if you think about it. Very, very cool questions.

Dave Chow 27:16

Wow.

Matt Mio 27:17

I'm so sorry, profs and listeners, but the time has come to say goodbye - Heather.

Heather Hill 27:22

Bye-bye

Matt Mio 27:22

Mara

Mara Livezey 27:23

See you next time.

Matt Mio 27:23

Dave.

Dave Chow 27:24

See ya

Matt Mio 27:24

Jim.

James Tubbs 27:25

Goodbye.

Matt Mio 27:25

Dan

Dan Maggio 27:26

Goodbye,

Matt Mio 27:26

Stephen.

Stephen Manning 27:27

Goodbye,

Matt Mio 27:28

and Beth.

Beth Oljar 27:28

Goodbye.

Matt Mio 27:29

And now these words.

Announcer 27:30

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Matt Mio 27:40

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