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SPEAKERS

Beth Oljar, Jeffe Boats, Erick Barnes, ATP FLASHBACK, Announcer, Dan Maggio, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Kathy Bush, Ann Mazur, Jerry Curtsinger

- A** Announcer 00:01
The University of Detroit Mercy presents another encore presentation of a classic Ask The Professor radio program. Today's show takes us back to January 2004.
- K** Kathy Bush 00:14
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask The Professor, the radio show where you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Kathy Bush. And today we've got some great panelists here. So let me introduce the panel to you - from the Department of Philosophy, its chair as well as the only other sole female member of this panel, it's Professor Beth Oljar.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:42
Well, and this semester, I'm the goddess of Symbolic Logic.
- K** Kathy Bush 00:45
You are - the goddess of symbolic. Yes, indeed. And you get some big old classes, girl.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:48
I do.
- K** Kathy Bush 00:49

K Kathy Bush 00:10
You do. You've got Philosophy of Law on top of that. Yeah. Yeah, indeed. So you rock, BethAnn. And so glad you're here. And sitting next to Beth, from the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice: Again, the true Weaver of Tales of the City of Detroit. Only, yes. And many other tale. It's Professor Erick Barnes.

E Erick Barnes 01:10
Good to be here. And I'm glad Beth is back. I have my partner in crime.

K Kathy Bush 01:13
Alright! And they mean crime too, hun. And at the far end of the table from the Department of Communication Studies, the person who can tell students what is a critical piece of film or not? It's Professor Jerry Curtsinger.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:25
Yes. And I must comment on Professor Barnes' knowledge of Detroit. He informed me one time that my neighborhood in Detroit was the highest crime neighborhood in the whole city. That was good to know.

B Beth Oljar 01:35
Doesn't that just make you feel at home though, Jerry.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:37
Yeah, Northeast Detroit look out folks.

K Kathy Bush 01:40
but this wasn't Copper Canyon. This wasn't like -

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:42
Well, I went to Osborn.

E Erick Barnes 01:44
Oh, yeah. He lived in what we call now a Little Beirut.

K Kathy Bush 01:47
Oh, okay.

J Jerry Curtsinger 01:49
Oh, Yeah, we've done that. What was it Flanders, Blackmore, Waltham, Duffy. Yeah, I knew my way around.

K Kathy Bush 01:55
I was gonna say. Now, someone who just walked in the door to join us at the table from the Department of Mathematics and the Director for Math Education. Somebody who can actually do math inside his brain. It's Professor Jeffe Boats.

J Jeffe Boats 02:08
There's room for little else these days.

K Kathy Bush 02:10
Oh, Stop that. Come on now. we were talking about how cold it was now, but you're from Western New York State.

J Jeffe Boats 02:14
Yeah, cuz it's about 1000 feet higher up in the mountains than here.

K Kathy Bush 02:19
Yeah. Watertown? I've got cousins there who always claim that's the coldest spot in New York. Is that true?

J Jeffe Boats 02:23
I don't know about the coldest, but they get an awful lot of lake effect snow off of Ontario.

K Kathy Bush 02:27
Oh, excellent. Yeah. Well, that's good. They deserve it. They love it. Yeah, they're transplanted Canadian. So they deserve all the snow they can get. And on the other side of the table, far

side of the table, from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, that Maven of science. It's Matt, Mio.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:32
I am a maven.

K Kathy Bush 02:33
You are a maven.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:33
Beth's a chair. I'm a credenza. Everybody's got their own piece of furniture.

E Erick Barnes 02:34
Better a credenza than an automan

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:35
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 02:51
And today we have a special guest from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, I believe. So Dan, would you care to do the introduction?

D Dan Maggio 03:01
Thanks. This is Ann Mazur from U of D High. She's the chair of the Physics Department, and works with me on some of my summer programs.

K Kathy Bush 03:08
Excellent. Ann, you are very welcome - because we all really admire your high school. We did a road show there. That and Shrine and Mercy High School - those were our three really great tour stops. Very great.

D Dan Maggio 03:22

It's odd that you should forget one of them.

K Kathy Bush 03:24

Well, that's okay. But we did. We had a wonderful time there. And what we were really very impressed with was the way the faculty interacted so easily with the students. There was just such a wonderful kind of bond going on there.

A Ann Mazur 03:35

Yeah, we really enjoy our boys.

K Kathy Bush 03:36

Oh, and they are. They're great.

B Beth Oljar 03:37

And just how courteous and sweet they were.

K Kathy Bush 03:40

They kept calling her Mrs. Oljar, which was funny. Remember. Mrs. Oljar - Mrs. Bush. They really were. Well, this is the show where you send us questions. And if you -

D Dan Maggio 03:51

(Clearing his throat out loud)

E Erick Barnes 03:51

You didn't introduce Dan.

K Kathy Bush 03:51

Oh, I didn't! Oh, no, that's right.

D Dan Maggio 03:53

That's okay. I got some cake stuck in my throat.

K Kathy Bush 03:55

You got some cake stuck in your mouth. My car will explode in ways that it can't be traced. But - from the College of Engineering & Science, and the person responsible for making a lot of kids in this city like math and science, it's Dan Dan, The DAPCEP Man Maggio.

D Dan Maggio 04:13

Yeah, I'm so sorry. Well, I guess because you were introducing Ann and I kind of overlooked you. Sorry, That's okay. I'll just go fling myself out the studio window. Excuse me, Somebody take the mic Thanks Kathy.

J Jerry Curtsinger 04:16

Throw you out the studio window?

K Kathy Bush 04:26

Yeah, that's it. There we go. Yes, I'll leap out into the tiger cages here. All right. Again,

E Erick Barnes 04:32

Free Roy.

K Kathy Bush 04:32

Yes, free Roy. This is the show where you send us questions. And if you stump the panel, you win a fabulous Tech Day t shirt. And even if you don't stump the panel, you still get a Tech Day t shirt. So if you're making that trip down south and you need a T shirt, send us some questions. Well, Last time we were in the middle of a set of questions.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:50

350,000 questions.

K Kathy Bush 04:52

Yes, these were from Bert. Now these were kind of interesting again. The man Bert Tilly. The names could be real, fictional or non-do-whatever. It could be from any field any walk of life. And I'm supposed to give the name and you're supposed to tell me who is this person. Okay.

Theodore Geisel?

J Jerry Curtsinger 05:11
Dr. Suess.

K Kathy Bush 05:12
Absolutely yes. His real lifetime name. Do you know that he did political cartoons?

E Erick Barnes 05:16
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:16
Yeah he did.

K Kathy Bush 05:17
They're very interesting.

J Jerry Curtsinger 05:18
One that the librarians don't like - children's librarians don't really like his stuff.

B Beth Oljar 05:21
My mom hated it.

K Kathy Bush 05:22
Really? Is there a reason why?

J Jerry Curtsinger 05:24
I'll have to ask my wife but she's really she gives you many other authors Van allsburg all these other authors are -

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- J** Jeffe Boats 05:31
Besides there's not enough money in the school board treasury to fund the purchase of Flo Floozles and -
- B** Beth Oljar 05:37
learning the language by mangling it and making up these words. My mom just thought that was awful.
- K** Kathy Bush 05:41
Oh, okay. So I should never have told my high school students to ingarbasize things. I had my own language with them, gee whiz.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 05:49
And finding all those blue fish.
- K** Kathy Bush 05:51
That's true. That would be difficult.
- J** Jeffe Boats 05:51
You know, you were talking about George Bush-isms and when we make up our own words for stuff, yeah, I keep using the word invisualize.
- K** Kathy Bush 05:57
(Laughing) Invisualize.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 05:58
Hey. Bring it on.
- K** Kathy Bush 06:01
Let's roll. Okay. That is - I really, really would like to dig my grandfather up out of his grave and ask him for the reason why he took the "C" out of the name. Yesterday, I was doing some banking for my mother, and once again I was given the question, "any relation to you know who?" And I give my usual stock reply - Not even in my worst nightmare. No.

J Jeffe Boats 06:22
Your name used to be a cbush? (Group laughter)

K Kathy Bush 06:23
Yes. That's right. My grandpa thought it sounded more American. Yeah, that way. Uh, Pete Gray. This is G-R-A-Y

J Jerry Curtsinger 06:31
Oh, one-armed baseball player. St. Louis Browns.

E Erick Barnes 06:34
Yeah,

K Kathy Bush 06:35
Yes!

E Erick Barnes 06:35
Absolutely.

K Kathy Bush 06:36
The only one-armed pitcher.

E Erick Barnes 06:38
Well, hold on -Actually, he wasn't a pitcher.

J Jerry Curtsinger 06:41
Outfielder.

E Erick Barnes 06:41



Yeah, outfielder. Abbott was the pitcher.



Kathy Bush 06:43

Bert.



Erick Barnes 06:44

Yeah.



Kathy Bush 06:44

Oh.



Dan Maggio 06:46

I even knew that.



Jeff Boats 06:47

What does Abbott still play though?



Jerry Curtsinger 06:48

That's like me getting a Math question right.



Dan Maggio 06:50

Yeah, really Jerry. Not exactly. That's not possible.



Kathy Bush 06:56

Anything's possible.




Jerry Curtsinger 06:57


Thank you very much.





Kathy Bush 06:57


 Kathy Bush 06:57
Anything. Jonas Grumby - GRUMBY. Now this would deal with a sitcom.

 Jeffe Boats 07:08
Sounds like some really bad Superman villain.


 Kathy Bush 07:11
No, actually, he was thought he was nice except to one person on this shipwreck Island.


 Jerry Curtsinger 07:16
Gilligan.


 Kathy Bush 07:17
He's on Gilligan's Island.

 Dan Maggio 07:19
What?

 Jeffe Boats 07:20
Oh, he played the professor.

 Kathy Bush 07:21
No, not the professor,

 Jerry Curtsinger 07:22
He was the most made-up professor I've ever seen, though. I mean,

 Beth Oljar 07:24
It's not the name of any of the actors.



- E** Erick Barnes 07:26
You know, he had to be somebody who visited the island. Actually, it is. I mean, it's not on the show. This would be his - I guess - real life name. Perhaps?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:33
The Skipper?
- K** Kathy Bush 07:34
It's the Skipper.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:36
Little buddy!
- K** Kathy Bush 07:37
Yeah. Well, he was kind of - I mean, he used to hit him, which I didn't like.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:41
Jonas Grumby is his real name? Alan Hale's?
- K** Kathy Bush 07:44
Well, that must have been his name on the show. Jonas Grumby.
- J** Jeffe Boats 07:46
Oh, but everyone just called him The Skipper.
- E** Erick Barnes 07:48
That must have been his name on the show.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 07:49
Well, he finished out his career as a greeter at some restaurant.

K Kathy Bush 07:52
That's right. Oh!

B Beth Oljar 07:53
He had a name? Oh, that's how he ended - ? Did you go to the restaurant?

J Jerry Curtsinger 07:56
No, no, I read about it. I said, oh my god seeing the skipper as the greeter at this restaurant. It wasn't so bad when Gilligan got busted for reefer

K Kathy Bush 08:06
because you kind of expected it. You know, you kind of -

B Beth Oljar 08:09
They found some on that island. I'm sure

K Kathy Bush 08:11
Oh, please! What's the matter with these people, anyway? Gus Hall?

J Jeffe Boats 08:17
Was that the mule who kick the field goals?

K Kathy Bush 08:21
If you were J. Edgar Hoover, you might have referred to him as that. He used to run for the US presidency. Many times but on this party's ticket.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:32
Green.

J Jeffe Boats 08:33

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The Communist Party.

K Kathy Bush 08:34
That's it. It's the Communist Party. Reds under the beds. In deed.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:37
Better dead than red.

K Kathy Bush 08:39
which is so hard of teaching history to try to get students today to believe -

B Beth Oljar 08:42
Well, just tell them to look at their current president who's got the same view.

J Jerry Curtsinger 08:46
It's like when you tell them like in the 30's it wasn't unusual to be Communist.

K Kathy Bush 08:50
Thank you. Yeah, I mean that they were communist halls all over Detroit. That make you go "Huh?"

B Beth Oljar 08:53
Although there's a great scene. I don't know if any of you have seen the movie Sneakers with Robert Redford,

E Erick Barnes 09:00
right, absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 09:01
there's a great scene where they're they're trying to convince him that the Russians are behind this plot and he just goes, "you guys: we won, they lost. It's been in a few papers"

K Kathy Bush 09:09
Apparently. Get over it. Uh, Anne Hathaway. This is ANNE Hathaway.

B Beth Oljar 09:15
This is Shakespeare.

K Kathy Bush 09:16
Yes, it is Shakespeare. Someone that Shakespeare loved - We hope.

J Jeffe Boats 09:22
I saw that movie.

B Beth Oljar 09:24
(Group laughter) Not as much as he loved Gwyneth Paltrow.

E Erick Barnes 09:26
Yeah.

K Kathy Bush 09:27
This was Shakespeare's wife. Yes. Okay. Uh, Nina Hershfield.

J Jeffe Boats 09:32
Was that the German singer who was 99 Luftballons?

K Kathy Bush 09:36
No. That was just Nina.

E Erick Barnes 09:39
Yeah

can.

K Kathy Bush 09:40
Actually, Nina - her name appears in many of her father's works of art.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:45
Al Hirschfeld's daughter? She appeared in every single -

K Kathy Bush 09:46
Yeah, it's Al Hirschfeld's daughter. That's right that - her name would be somewhere on his artwork that way. Okay, Link Hogthrob.

B Beth Oljar 09:57
(Group laughter) Mod Squad

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:00
No, wait a second.


K Kathy Bush 10:01
No, no.


J Jeffe Boats 10:01
No, no, he's that talking monkey, right?


K Kathy Bush 10:03
No, no,


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:04
no, it's a Muppet character.


K Kathy Bush 10:05


 Kathy Bush 10:05
It is. It's a character in the Muppets.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:06
It was Pigs in Space.


 Kathy Bush 10:08
Pigs In Space. And what was his position?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:11
He was the captain, I believe.


 Kathy Bush 10:12
He was the ship's captain. So, Captain Link Hogthrob.

 Beth Oljar 10:16
It was Lincoln Hayes, Pete Cochran and Julie. I can never remember her -

 Erick Barnes 10:19
What was it? Barnes.

 Beth Oljar 10:20
Julie Barnes.

 Erick Barnes 10:22
Modsquad.

 Beth Oljar 10:23
Coolest show



K Kathy Bush 10:24
Forsythe P Jones. Forsythe P Jones. Now he was never called Forsythe, however, it was much more alliterative first name with Jones.

D Dan Maggio 10:37
Uh, JOHN.

K Kathy Bush 10:39
No, this would be a cartoon or comic book character.

D Dan Maggio 10:43
JOHN. (Group laughter)

J Jeffe Boats 10:45
John Jones - Martian man hunter.

K Kathy Bush 10:47
There you go.

B Beth Oljar 10:48
Jerry?

K Kathy Bush 10:49
Uh, No,

B Beth Oljar 10:49
Jim?

K Kathy Bush 10:50
Think Riverdale High.

E Erick Barnes 10:52
Oh, that's Archie.

K Kathy Bush 10:52
That's right. So, what was -

E Erick Barnes 10:54
Jughead.

K Kathy Bush 10:55
Jughead! Which I think I prefer Jughead over Foresythe. I don't know about any of you, but -

B Beth Oljar 11:01
it's a tough call but -

K Kathy Bush 11:04
(Group laughter) Very, very tough call that way. Roger Kapunik.

E Erick Barnes 11:08
Oh,

K Kathy Bush 11:09
Roger Kaputnik.

B Beth Oljar 11:11
That Russian that got to space before us.

K Kathy Bush 11:13
(Laughter) Not really.

J Jeffe Boats 11:16
First cowboy in orbit.

K Kathy Bush 11:17
Well, he plays an alter ego actually, and this is in another comic. But in a - in a comic magazine actually.

B Beth Oljar 11:24
Is he Green Hornet?

J Jeffe Boats 11:26
No,

K Kathy Bush 11:26
No. Actually, now this magazine has its own comedic show,

E Erick Barnes 11:30
Mad. It's a Mad Magazine.

K Kathy Bush 11:31
It's Mad Magazine.

E Erick Barnes 11:32
It's the - it's -

J Jeffe Boats 11:34
Kaputnik

E Erick Barnes 11:34

I can see -

J Jeffe Boats 11:35
Is that one of the Spy Vs Spy guys?

D Dan Maggio 11:36
That's what I was gonna say.

K Kathy Bush 11:37
No, no, but the Spy Versus Spy was good, you know. This is from The Lighter Side - Dave Berg who did The Lighter Side of many, many topics.

B Beth Oljar 11:46
Yes.


K Kathy Bush 11:46
And this was his alter ego that way. Bela karolyi


B Beth Oljar 11:52
gymnastics coach.

K Kathy Bush 11:53
That's right. Who Bert describes as walrus mustache, and more than slightly creepy female gymnastics coach.


E Erick Barnes 12:01
Oh, yeah.


K Kathy Bush 12:03
I didn't really think that Bella was that creepy. Did you?


 Erick Barnes 12:05
Well, he got a lot of hugs.

 Kathy Bush 12:07
Well, okay.


 Beth Oljar 12:08
I think it was the nature of the sport though.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:12
It just was not welcome with him.

 Kathy Bush 12:14
Ruben Kincaid.

 Jeffe Boats 12:16
Oh, too easy.

 Beth Oljar 12:17
He's the manager of the Partridge Family. (Group laughter)

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:21
Oh, man.

 Kathy Bush 12:21
Okay.

 Beth Oljar 12:22
I wanted to be Lori Partridge.

J Jeffe Boats 12:23
Known also for his sandwiches.

K Kathy Bush 12:25
There - That also is it. Yes. Fritz Lang.

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:28
Film director.

K Kathy Bush 12:29
Absolutely.

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:30
"Get the hell out of that Germany. It's coming down."

K Kathy Bush 12:33
I think I kind of like the best - that best, but I teach that film all the time, so I'm sort of bias, but I do think it was so far ahead of its time, technologically and ideologically. And it was just - it's a masterpiece. I mean, do you think - Do you think he's done anything better than Metropolis? Fritz Lang? Do we like any of its other films? You've seen Metropolis when it's shown at the DIA

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:53
Yeah, the DIA with the Alloy Orchestra. Our little Cellulite Kitchen group.

K Kathy Bush 12:56
That's right. Yeah,

J Jerry Curtsinger 12:57
It was our first outing that one year and it was great.

K Kathy Bush 12:59
Oh, it is it's really if you ever get a chance.

J Jerry Curtsinger 13:01
It's kind of like this grunge accompaniment to it. That's so appropriate.

K Kathy Bush 13:04
Absolutely. Yeah, the metallic is really, really good. And while we think about metal, let's take a break.

A ATP FLASHBACK 13:11

A Announcer 15:22
You're listening to an encore presentation of a classic Ask The Professor program from January 2004. Matt Mio and the current panel of professors will return next week with more brand new episodes. So send your questions today to ATP at UDMercy.edu. Now let's get back to these wonderful Ask The Professor memories from January 2004.

K Kathy Bush 15:49
And we're back with questions from Bert Tilly about all types of folk, all types of people all over the place. And you certainly have been doing very well. You're smoking Bert right out of the little hole that way. Smokin Bert.

E Erick Barnes 16:02
Is that legal?

K Kathy Bush 16:03
I hope - maybe not. Maybe not in Georgia. (Laughter)

J Jeffe Boats 16:06
Not in Alabama.

E Erick Barnes 16:07
Not in Canada.

K Kathy Bush 16:09
Okay, well, I'll give you the name and you're supposed to identify the character real or unreal.
Clubber Lang.

E Erick Barnes 16:15
That's Mr. T, of Rocky Three.

J Jeffe Boats 16:19
At no point did he ever actually say "I pity the fool"

K Kathy Bush 16:21
He didn't?

E Erick Barnes 16:22
No, he said. He said "do you hate Rocky Balboa?" He said "No, I don't hate Balboa. I just pity
the fool." He said

J Jeffe Boats 16:27
No. He said "I pity him". He never said "I pity the fool",

E Erick Barnes 16:29
okay. He said, "I pity him." Alright.

K Kathy Bush 16:30
But "fool" was just so implied. Yeah. It had to be.

B Beth Oljar 16:34
And you know, he loses at the end. So -

and you know, he loses at the end. So

- K** Kathy Bush 16:36
did he?
- D** Dan Maggio 16:39
Well, it's a Hollywood movie.
- K** Kathy Bush 16:40
Okay. Yeah, I guess. I mean, you're absolutely right.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:45
I prefer to remember him from his A-Team days.
- J** Jeffe Boats 16:48
Bad attitude.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 16:49
Murdock, you fool
- B** Beth Oljar 16:54
I love that show.
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 16:55
I met him one time, we did a radio interview and -
- K** Kathy Bush 16:57
Really?
- J** Jerry Curtsinger 16:57

Yeah, when he was on that show.

K Kathy Bush 16:59
Oh my god.

J Jerry Curtsinger 16:59
And I couldn't have stood up if I had that much gold on, I swear.

K Kathy Bush 17:02
So he almost o-g'd

B Beth Oljar 17:04
You got the bling bling going.

K Kathy Bush 17:06
All right. And why not? sesshin little feather

E Erick Barnes 17:11
Is that somebody from a female wrestler or something - brunette.

J Jerry Curtsinger 17:18
Shania Twain's personal assistant.

K Kathy Bush 17:19
Actually, it has something to do with 1972 Oscars.

B Beth Oljar 17:23
Oh, she - did she come up when Brando won.

K Kathv Bush 17:26

Yeah,

B

Beth Oljar 17:27

when he refused his award for Godfather.

K

Kathy Bush 17:29

She's the one that accepted the award in his place and made some little short speech about Native rights. And, you know, the enlightened Clapton -

B

Beth Oljar 17:37

because he refused the award.

K

Kathy Bush 17:39

Yeah,

J

Jerry Curtsinger 17:40

The enlightened Clapton? That's Good.

K

Kathy Bush 17:42

Well, you know. It's kinda that. Uh, Lisa Lupner.

B

Beth Oljar 17:46

Saturday Night Live.

J

Jerry Curtsinger 17:46

Oh, that's uh -

K

Kathy Bush 17:47

Yeah. Yes.



Beth Oljar 17:49

Lisa and Bill.



Kathy Bush 17:50

No, wasn't it Todd?



Beth Oljar 17:51

Todd. Yeah, that was it. It was Bill Murray that did that.



Kathy Bush 17:53

Because Todd had the - Yes. he constantly stepped up and did the Noogi thing. Which, Yes,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:58

Poor Gilda.



Kathy Bush 17:59

I know. Eugene T. Moleska. This is for anybody who's a fan of the Sunday, New York Times. Oh, got arrested? No.



Erick Barnes 18:09

For internet - soliciting children over the internet?



Kathy Bush 18:13

No, no. Let us hope not. This is something that some people find very relaxing and some pride themselves on doing it.



Jerry Curtsinger 18:21

The crossword puzzle.



Kathy Bush 18:23

He's been the lifetime editor of the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle.

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D Dan Maggio 18:27
the life - Oh -

K Kathy Bush 18:27
for his lifetime.

B Beth Oljar 18:29
I told my Logic students, I put right on the syllabus, "I recommend that you get several good mechanical pencils because doing logic in ink is like doing a crossword puzzle in ink. You can't go back and change. You can't change your mistakes."

K Kathy Bush 18:41
I always do mine in ink.

B Beth Oljar 18:42
Evil. It takes confidence.

K Kathy Bush 18:44
I know.

J Jeffe Boats 18:46
Who's the smarty pants.

K Kathy Bush 18:47
(Laughs) No guts. No glory, honey. Okay, you just got to go for the gusto.

B Beth Oljar 18:53
It's the Irish blood.

K Kathy Bush 18:54
and that crossword puzzle bit, yes. Jacob Marley.

E Erick Barnes 18:57
Oh that's Scrooge's -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:58
Scrooge's partner.

K Kathy Bush 19:00
Yeah, you know, there's just so many different versions of A Christmas Carol, but they're all wonderful. Lucille McGillicuddy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:07
That was Lucy - Lucy Ball's name on Yeah,

K Kathy Bush 19:11
Yes, her maiden name. John Merrick.

B Beth Oljar 19:16
The Elephant Man.

K Kathy Bush 19:17
(Laughs) That's right. Yes, that was The Elephant Man.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:22
Dan, I know you're a fan of musical theater. You never saw the Elephant Man musical?

D Dan Maggio 19:25
No.

J Jeffe Boats 19:26
We need to have a musical episode like Buffy did?

K Kathy Bush 19:29
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 19:31
Great idea.

D Dan Maggio 19:32
I watched that for a while - I came out of the shower in the middle of it.

J Jerry Curtsinger 19:35
You got special TV at your house.

K Kathy Bush 19:36
Yes. (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 19:37
They took a lot of risks doing that episode, I think.

K Kathy Bush 19:39
Yeah. They must have.

J Jeffe Boats 19:40
It was the best episode. Oh, yeah,

K Kathy Bush 19:43
Really? You are a Buffy-ite, so I would trust your judgment.

B Beth Oljar 19:47
Buffy rules!

K Kathy Bush 19:47
Yeah

D Dan Maggio 19:48
The best one is when Willow makes all their wishes come true, and they don't realize, and -

K Kathy Bush 19:49
oh,

J Jeffe Boats 19:52
Oh yeah, that was great!

B Beth Oljar 19:55
Buffy and Spike were getting married.


D Dan Maggio 19:56
That was pretty hilarious.

K Kathy Bush 19:58
That's right. more trouble comes from answered prayers than unanswered ones, I'll tell ya.
Willie Mosconi

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:03
pool player.


K Kathy Bush 20:04


 Kathy Bush 20:07
Yes. The all time great, Bert notes here.


 Jerry Curtsinger 20:07
Yes.


 Kathy Bush 20:08
Was he the person that they modeled like in the film?


 Erick Barnes 20:12
No. Well, there were several different people.


 Kathy Bush 20:14
Oh, Okay.

 Jerry Curtsinger 20:14
Yeah, it's kind of an amalgamation, but one of the.

 Kathy Bush 20:18
One of the characters. Okay, that is a great film.

 Jeffe Boats 20:20
Never play pool against someone named after a state.

 Kathy Bush 20:23
(Laughs)

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23
Minnesota, right?



K Kathy Bush 20:24
Yeah, really. You don't want to do that. Merkin Muffly. Now this - this is a fictional character.

B Beth Oljar 20:30
I hope so. I don't wanna think that no actual human being has that name.

J Jerry Curtsinger 20:34
Nobody in my class, I don't think.

K Kathy Bush 20:36
No, no, no, not so far. Although, we do have a Zsa Zsa who's applied here for the fall. I have had so much fun with Zsa Zsa- that name.

J Jeffe Boats 20:42
With alliteration like that, It's either gotta be a cartoon character or a Dickens character.

K Kathy Bush 20:46
No, it - but he - well somewhat cartoonish. Think Dr. Strangelove.


J Jerry Curtsinger 20:51
Slim Pickens.


K Kathy Bush 20:52
Of course, everybody thinks of Slim Pickens, " I could have fun in the Texas border town with this package. Yes, in deed" (Group laughter) It was the character of the president that Peter Sellers played several roles in that film.


E Erick Barnes 21:04
Yeah, that's right. He did play several roles in that film. I mean, he played that role of President Merkin Muffly, then he was also the British soldier that was oh poor - Yes.


J Jerry Curtsinger 21:13


 Jerry Curtsinger 21:12
Yeah.


 Kathy Bush 21:13
Yeah. Trying to calm down Jack the Ripper. T Ripper, Yeah, he had some good parts that way. James Naismith.


 Jerry Curtsinger 21:20
Basketball

 Erick Barnes 21:20
Basketball. That's right.


 Jerry Curtsinger 21:22
He put up the first -

 Kathy Bush 21:23
You know where he was born, don't you?

 Jerry Curtsinger 21:25
Detroit?

 Erick Barnes 21:26
In Kansas?

 Kathy Bush 21:27
Canada. He was a Canadian by birth, good people.

 Dan Maggio 21:30
He probably couldn't play hockey.

J Jeffe Boats 21:31
He defected. Yeah, he was too tall for hockey. He kept falling over the board.

J Jerry Curtsinger 21:36
You hit the post up on the ice, and you keep falling.

J Jeffe Boats 21:39
Bill Cosby has an awesome joke. You know, one of those five minute long spiels he has about the invention of basketball. Just, uh, I'm not gonna repeat it.

K Kathy Bush 21:47
We were waiting, come on.

D Dan Maggio 21:49
Buddy on Kids In The Hall has a great one on Canada.

K Kathy Bush 21:53
Yes. Yeah,

E Erick Barnes 21:56
Kids In The Hall.

K Kathy Bush 21:56
Alice Nelson. Alice Nelson.

D Dan Maggio 22:00
Isn't that Alice from the Alice show.

K Kathy Bush 22:02
Not from the Alice Show.

J Jeffe Boats 22:03
Alice's Restaurant?

E Erick Barnes 22:03
That's The Brady Bunch, isn't it?

K Kathy Bush 22:04
Yeah it is,

D Dan Maggio 22:06
Oh, that's her maiden name?

E Erick Barnes 22:08
She wasn't married yet.

K Kathy Bush 22:09
Yeah, it's Ann B Davis.

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:11
Yes. Well, She was Schultzy on Love That Bob.

K Kathy Bush 22:14
That's right.

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:15
Which, of course, dates me woefully.

K Kathy Bush 22:16
That's okay.

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:17
That was the most sexist. Politically Incorrect show.

K Kathy Bush 22:20
Oh absolutely, But it was funny as all get-out..

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:22
No, Bob Cummings was hilarious.

K Kathy Bush 22:23
He was very good at his program. It would be wonderful to get those old kinescopes. I wonder if they ever put those on -

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:28
Well, some of that stuff's on was on like not TV Land, but one of the other ones they had. a few years back I saw some episode.

K Kathy Bush 22:34
Yeah, that was very good.

J Jerry Curtsinger 22:36
and the guy, Dobie Gillis, Dwayne Hickman. Dwayne Hickman. That's right. The nephew there. Yes.

K Kathy Bush 22:40
The - Yes. The straight arrow nephew. Dr. Winston O' Boogie. Dr. Winston O'Boogie.

J Jeffe Boats 22:46
It sounds like a Simpsons character.

K Kathy Bush 22:47
Uh, it should be.

B Beth Oljar 22:48
It sounds like the name of a disc jockey. It makes me think of Johnny Fever on WKRP.

K Kathy Bush 22:52
Well, this was a pseudonym that was used by one of the Beatles.

B Beth Oljar 22:56
Oh, Lennon, of course.

K Kathy Bush 22:57
Of course. It was John Lennon. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 22:59
Winston.

K Kathy Bush 23:00
Yeah. O'Boogie. Absolutely. Because that was his middle name. He was born during the Second World War during a bombing Blitz, actually.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:06
O'Boogie. Yes.

J Jeffe Boats 23:09
John O'Boogie Lennon?

J Jerry Curtsinger 23:10
They ran out of cigarettes, and he goes, "Oh, Winston."

K Kathy Bush 23:11
Yeah, there you go. Yeah, like Churchill. That's right. Eel, as in like electric eel - O'Brian.

E Erick Barnes 23:19
Oh, I know that. Um.

K Kathy Bush 23:21
This is another cartoon. It should - Doesn't it sound like that?

E Erick Barnes 23:26
Eel O'Brian. Isn't that somebody -- ?

K Kathy Bush 23:28
It's some - It's a secret identity.

E Erick Barnes 23:29
Yeah, somebody from one of the DC Comics.

K Kathy Bush 23:33
Yes. It is.

E Erick Barnes 23:34
Eel O'Brian. I know this.

J Jeffe Boats 23:37
Oh, is that one of Batman's, uh - what do you call it when he goes undercover?

K Kathy Bush 23:42
Name it, that's Batman. It's different from Batman, through Batman.

No, no, it's not Batman. It's a different man. Better men through Polymer.

J Jerry Curtsinger 23:47
Plastic Man.

K Kathy Bush 23:48
Plastic Man. Hey, come on, my dad was a chemist. What can I do? You know, he used to have these chemistry jokes - like okay, dad. And that was one of his favorite ones. Better men through Polymer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:58
I can't wait.

K Kathy Bush 23:59
I know. Just think what's your little little man's gonna be hearin'.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:02
He's not allowed to be a chemist?

K Kathy Bush 24:03
He's not?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:03
Not a chance.

K Kathy Bush 24:05
Awe, come on, Matt.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:07
No way.

B Beth Oljar 24:07
You can't rule out the option.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:10
Well, I can't make him be a chemist either. So I just went to the other side of the spectrum.

K Kathy Bush 24:14
But, what if, you know, people start sending him like slide rules and start sending a little beaker sets

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:19
Well, there was a gal I went to high school with whose whose mom was a biochemist and I remember the very first day of Chemistry. "Oh, Kelly, you're gonna be fine", and her failing miserably. And I assume it's gonna be the same thing, "Your dad's a chemist. You'll be fine."

K Kathy Bush 24:32
Well, if you go home and you find little Johnny, and he's in a little like white lab coat with (laughing) - you know, or something like -

B Beth Oljar 24:39
You should get him a little white labcoat.

K Kathy Bush 24:41
I do - I was gonna say. Totally turn him in to Dr. Science or something for Halloween.

E Erick Barnes 24:47
Mr. Wizard.

B Beth Oljar 24:48
You know, I -

K Kathy Bush 24:49
Oh, yeah!

J Jerry Curtsinger 24:50
We did a video on polymer one time and they brought me over there to help do this thing. And I learned a lot. I mean, I was stunned.

K Kathy Bush 24:56
I mean -

J Jerry Curtsinger 24:57
How strong that stuff was.

K Kathy Bush 24:58
Thank you.

J Jerry Curtsinger 24:59
I didn't understand what the guy was talking about when they were beaten on it and stuff. I'm like, it's tough You know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:03
All because of Plastic Man, huh.

K Kathy Bush 25:04
No. It is. We - Our Polymer Institute was, at least as an undergrad, that was a way to earn some quick cash.

E Erick Barnes 25:10
(unintelligible) - two weeks ago.

K Kathy Bush 25:11

Oh, really? Bummer. They would pay you money to try out their products, and they paid like - this was in the late 70s, eight bucks an hour, which was a wonderful wage at that time. I remember having to wear these plastic clogs. They were supposed to look like wood. But um, and so you had to keep like a little tablet of comfort and durability and what people said when they saw them, and I had to get -

B Beth Oljar 25:34
Get a look at look at these ugly shoes

K Kathy Bush 25:35
Well, yeah, club feet. No, it's so yeah, I don't know, whatever happened, but it was a company that they commissioned out of the Philippines that to do these clogs, they're - they were not attractive, but Oh, well. Virginia. O'Hanlin. And she's terribly famous around the holidays.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:36
Oh, yes, Virginia.

J Jerry Curtsinger 25:53
There is a Christmas.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:54
There is a Santa Claus.

K Kathy Bush 25:55
That's right. The - She is the object of that little editorial.

D Dan Maggio 25:59
She started The Honeybaked Ham Company.

K Kathy Bush 26:04
(Laughs) True enough. Uh, Clara Peller.



B Beth Oljar 26:07
Where's the beef?

K Kathy Bush 26:08
That's right. That was her 15 hours of fame or whatever.

J Jerry Curtsinger 26:13
Yeah, it drug on for too long.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:14
Seconds, please.

K Kathy Bush 26:15
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 26:16
I watch a lot of VH1.

D Dan Maggio 26:17
Have you been watching the what's it named -

K Kathy Bush 26:17
Yeah.

J Jeffe Boats 26:20
Bands Reunited.

D Dan Maggio 26:20
Bands Reunited.

J Jeffe Boats 26:21
for them was awesome.

D Dan Maggio 26:22
Romeo Void was on -

J Jeffe Boats 26:23
Yes,

D Dan Maggio 26:24
a couple of nights ago.

B Beth Oljar 26:25
Actually with the reception of Squeeze. I think all the - With the exception of Squeeze I think all the bands that are reuniting are actually 80's -. (Group laughter) Flock of Hairdoos.

K Kathy Bush 26:33
Flock of Seagulls.

J Jeffe Boats 26:35
Not anymore.

B Beth Oljar 26:35
There was this particular period where it became evident that -

J Jerry Curtsinger 26:39
Men At Work

E Erick Barnes 26:40
You liked Men At Work?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:41
That's true.

B Beth Oljar 26:42
Duran Duran.

J Jeffe Boats 26:43
Duran Duran.

B Beth Oljar 26:46
Flock of Seagulls.

J Jeffe Boats 26:47
The gods

K Kathy Bush 26:47
Okay, everybody has to put the plastic silverware away now. No more - Okay. Well, let me thank the panel before we have an 80's rumble. Okay.


B Beth Oljar 26:56
They were such a good band.


K Kathy Bush 26:58
Professor Oljar.


B Beth Oljar 27:00
Later Professor Barnes


E Erick Barnes 27:01

See you later.


 Kathy Bush 27:02
Professor Boats


 Jeffe Boats 27:03
Opera professor Bye bye.


 Kathy Bush 27:05
Oh, excellent. Professor Curtsinger.


 Jerry Curtsinger 27:09
I'm not sure between Real and Hungry Like a Wolf, Beth.


 Kathy Bush 27:11
All right. Visiting Professor Mazur

 Ann Mazur 27:15
Bye for now.

 Kathy Bush 27:15
Yes. Professor Maggio.

 Dan Maggio 27:15
I agree with Beth.

 Kathy Bush 27:16
Okay, Professor Mio.

 Matt Mio. Ph.D. 27:18

They flipped the table. Alright. Now this -

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Announcer 27:21

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Kathy Bush 27:29

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Announcer 27:49

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