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- M** Michael Jayson 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 2010.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 00:14
The University of Detroit Mercy presents Ask the Professor. The university tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the radio program on which you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. And boy, that's for sure. I'm your host, Edwin DeWindt, and today we have a very special panel. On my left, from the Department of Philosophy, Professor Beth Oljar.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:41
Good to be here.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 00:42
Good to have you here. On her left from - what is the department again, Matt?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:48
It's Chemistry and Biochemistry.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 00:50

Edwin DeWindt 00:59

That's right. From Chemistry and Biochemistry, Professor Matt Mio. And across from him from the Detroit Public Library system. Sharon Vlahovich.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:53

Hi.

S

Sharon Vlahovich 00:59

Thank you for inviting me.

E

Edwin DeWindt 01:00

Thank you for coming. And on her left, my right from the Department of Philosophy. Professor David Koukal.

D

David Koukal 01:07

Hi, there.

E

Edwin DeWindt 01:07

Hi there. Okay.

B

Beth Oljar 01:09

Two philosophers. Pretty dangerous. Different traditions.

E

Edwin DeWindt 01:11

I know. I know. I know. This is going to be a very, very cerebral program. I'm certain of that. Okay, let's see. I'll just plunge right in here. On our last show, we were doing a kind of tribute to David Chow, who has been a longtime listener and longtime questioner. And we decided to just "Oh, what the heck, let's do a whole David Chow day". And, of course, he kept us running around in circles for so long that we never finished his second set of questions. So we're going to begin with his second set.

B

Beth Oljar 01:48

Those Center for Creative Studies people ask hard questions.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:51
They certainly do. They're not fooling around. Okay. Now these are just kind of general - you know, they wander all over the place like, like we do. Okay, what is Captain Albert Berry's biggest claim to fame?

B Beth Oljar 02:10
Albert Berry

E Edwin DeWindt 02:11
Yes. He says, "besides being mentioned on the show momentarily"

B Beth Oljar 02:18
Did he discover something?

E Edwin DeWindt 02:20
No, he accomplished something that no one had ever done before. And it involved airplanes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:28
Trans Pacific flight?

E Edwin DeWindt 02:29
No, no, nothing like that. Nothing like that.

B Beth Oljar 02:32
Can't be transatlantic. We know who did that.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:35
Wasn't anything like that?

B Beth Oljar 02:37

Well, something involving airplanes.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:40
Mm-hm.

D Dan Maggio 02:40
Crashed?

E Edwin DeWindt 02:41
Well, you're getting close in the sense of - what would you do if you'd like to avoid being caught up in a crash?

D David Koukal 02:47
He was Amelia Earhart's navigator.

E Edwin DeWindt 02:50
No, he wasn't. (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 02:52
Oh, wait. Did he invent parachutes or something?

E Edwin DeWindt 02:53
He didn't INVENT them. He was the first -

S Sharon Vlahovich 02:57
To test one?

E Edwin DeWindt 02:57
to use one. Yes, to jump out of a plane and survive, that's the point. Which makes one wonder if there were others before him who did not,

B Beth Oljar 03:07
Didn't they - ? I read this in the news not too long ago. Don't they think they found the godforsaken Island we're Amelia disappeared?

E Edwin DeWindt 03:15
Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. That's what they think.

B Beth Oljar 03:20
So coincidentally - right - not too long after the movie came out.

E Edwin DeWindt 03:23
Yeah. Isn't that amazing? All right. What letter of the alphabet is not used as an atomic symbol for any element?

D David Koukal 03:38
Okay. That's you

E Edwin DeWindt 03:40
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 03:42
Periodic Table?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:44
I mean, that's- The reason that that's tricky is - okay. We'll just go to "A" and "AS" you know, is arsenic and AR is argon.

B Beth Oljar 03:51
AU is gold



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:52
There you go. Individual letters here or - I mean, I have to say, um -

E Edwin DeWindt 03:56
It's just one letter

B Beth Oljar 03:57
Z

D Dan Maggio 03:58
W No, not W

D David Koukal 04:00
Z is Zinc

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:02
Zn is zinc. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 04:03
It's not X. Q? It's not Q

E Edwin DeWindt 04:05
Let me give you a hint. In Washington, DC, where some of the city some of the streets are named after letters of the alphabet, there is one letter that is not used. It's the same letter.

D Dan Maggio 04:20
I've never been to Washington.

E Edwin DeWindt 04:21
Oh, dear.

B Beth Oljar 04:22
Me neither.

D Dan Maggio 04:24
And now I'm even less interested in going.

E Edwin DeWindt 04:25
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:30
I mean, off the top of my head, that's - yeah, that's a weird one. I want to say it's, it's, it's not L

E Edwin DeWindt 04:36
It's also one you don't see on airplanes. When the seats are lettered

S Sharon Vlahovich 04:42
Well, you know, the streets in Chicago, are named after the president's in order of their presidency.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:49
Oh, right, right.

B Beth Oljar 04:50
A helpful teaching tool.

E Edwin DeWindt 04:50
Oh, Wow.

S Sharon Vlahovich 04:51
And this is whv all the kids from Chicaaoo know -

E Edwin DeWindt 04:54
Know their presidents.

B Beth Oljar 04:58
It's also not used on airplanes. "V"?

E Edwin DeWindt 05:00
No.

D David Koukal 05:01
Would it be "R"

E Edwin DeWindt 05:01
No, it's not "R".

D Dan Maggio 05:02
Alright, last call - "M".

E Edwin DeWindt 05:07
"I" and "J" "J"

B Beth Oljar 05:08
What's wrong with "J"s?

E Edwin DeWindt 05:13
it's too easy to confuse the I on the J St. Like, in DC, there's an I Street and then it's K Street right after that. And there's no J Street.

B Beth Oljar 05:22

B Beth Oljar 05:22
They're worth like five points in Scrabble.

E Edwin DeWindt 05:24
I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:25
It's a nice letter.

D David Koukal 05:26
It's a nice letter. I think J does -

E Edwin DeWindt 05:28
If you're not playing Scrabble - (laughs)

B Beth Oljar 05:30
Then who needs a J?

E Edwin DeWindt 05:31
That's right. Okay. All right. All right. Well, he got you there. In the original movie Star Wars, it was initially given a G rating, and then it suddenly got bumped up to a PG rating. What happened?

D Dan Maggio 05:49
There was a kiss.

E Edwin DeWindt 05:51
No.

S Sharon Vlahovich 05:52
Okay, this is my moment of fame.

E Edwin DeWindt 05:55
Okay.

S Sharon Vlahovich 05:55
Darth Vader, only you would be so bold. The Imperial Senate will not sit still for this. When they hear that you've attacked a diplomatic ship on a diplomatic mission.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:05
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:05
It must have been the politics. My answer is the politics.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:07
No, that's not it. But that was brilliant. (Laughs)

D Dan Maggio 06:11
I'm really impressed. I thought I was bad.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:16
Oh, no. That's terrific.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:18
Is it violence based?

E Edwin DeWindt 06:19
No. It's showing something that they thought they probably shouldn't show to young children.

D David Koukal 06:25

Princess Leia is involved for sure. No, she isn't. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:29
That is really weird.

B Beth Oljar 06:30
Well, that hairdo.

H Hugh Culik 06:31
They shouldn't have shown that.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:33
And it's something strange. I mean, considering what they think children are readily exposed to and have no problems with it at all, why they would suddenly get squeamish about this.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:43
It's not like a navel. No, no, nothing like that. It involves bodies - - dead bodies.

D David Koukal 06:51
Oh, it was the trash compactor.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:53
No, it was -

S Sharon Vlahovich 06:58
his aunt

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:59
his aunt and uncle as the charred skeletons.



- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:01
That's right. That's it. You've got it. You've got it.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:03
That was kinda - well, not PG ish. But it was kind of hardcore.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 07:07
It was only a second, but it was very -
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:09
Yeah.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:09
By the time they get to Revenge of the Sith, you see it in all its gory details. How Darth Vader became Darth Vader.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:17
It's like, you know, that was PG too, but he basically kills a bunch of little kids. And you know, two hours into the movie.
- D** Dan Maggio 07:24
That was probably the worst part.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:25
That was hardcore.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:26
But they show and then poor Padme dies.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:31
Okay. Now see, you did very well on that one. What is so ironic about the Wright brothers and

their 15 honorary college degrees?

- S** Sharon Vlahovich 07:41
I don't think graduated from high school.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:43
That's exactly right. I don't know if that's irony or not, but- (the professors laugh)
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:48
the Alanis Morissette version of irony They didn't have many standards back then. Which is not ironic at all.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:55
That's what I thought
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:55
Coincidental? Maybe
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:57
What was that wonderful, the Al Pacino movie on Richard the Third. And he was interviewing Barbara Everett, who's a big lit scholar at Oxford. And she's talking about Richard the Third as a character. And she says "of course, and he's just, he's a master of irony, which is nothing more than hypocrisy with style". (The professors laugh)
- B** Beth Oljar 08:19
Okay, the next time we have to explain Socratic irony -
- E** Edwin DeWindt 08:22
(Laughs) There. You got it. Okay, prior to George H. Bush being elected, who was the last sitting Vice President to get elected president.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:34

I just saw this the other day.

B

Beth Oljar 08:36

You mean, George HW - Bush one.

E

Edwin DeWindt 08:39

Bush one. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. It's the 19th century.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:45

Yeah, cuz it was a long time before that.

B

Beth Oljar 08:47

Yeah, because Gore didn't get elected.

E

Edwin DeWindt 08:47

That's right

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:50

The problem is I don't know my vice presidents that well.

E

Edwin DeWindt 08:56

I think he was the only one who could speak Dutch.

D

David Koukal 08:59

Oh, so Van Buren

E

Edwin DeWindt 09:01

You had him last week. He was bilingual. (laughs)

M


Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:07

 Matt Milo, Ph.D. 09:07

That was quite a while between. To think the number of times the vice president has run in the modern era. That's pretty rare.

 Edwin DeWindt 09:16


Yeah. Okay, in all of William Shakespeare's work, there was only one word that started with the letter X. What is it? Now you philosophers should really know this. It's somebody's -

 David Koukal 09:35

Oh

 Edwin DeWindt 09:35


It's the name of somebody's wife.

 David Koukal 09:38

Oh, Xanthippe.

 Edwin DeWindt 09:39


That's right. That's right. It's in The Taming of the Shrew apparently.

 Beth Oljar 09:43

Because Kate is likened to her.

 Edwin DeWindt 09:45

Yes. I think that's it. I think that's exactly it, yeah. Okay. There you go. What American car was the first to sport a hood ornament?

 Beth Oljar 09:57

A Cadillac?

 Edwin DeWindt 09:58

Yes.

D David Koukal 09:59
We're rocking now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:59
Hey, there you go.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:00
Oh, a 1912 Cadillac. How 'bout that.

B Beth Oljar 10:03
My dad was a mega car guy.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:05
Oh, okay, that explains it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:08
Did you have flashcards when you're growing up?

B Beth Oljar 10:10
No, I mean, he used to buy old cars and then restore them.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:15
Oh, really?

B Beth Oljar 10:15
So like we had a car with a rumble seat and a Model T

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:18
... ..

You could have had a Discovery Channel show back then. Yeah

S Sharon Vlahovich 10:21

Now, was he very particular about restoring it the way it was, or just making it work?

B Beth Oljar 10:27

restoring them to their original - And then he would show them

D David Koukal 10:31

and then the Henry Ford Museum would buy them.

B Beth Oljar 10:35

He would sell them to other people. But yeah, so whenever I watch older movies, and it's like, I don't know what that car is, and I wish my dad were around.

S Sharon Vlahovich 10:35

(laughs)

E Edwin DeWindt 10:43

Yes.

B Beth Oljar 10:43

He could always identify - You know, year, model, make, anything particular about the car.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:47

Oh my gosh.

B Beth Oljar 10:47

He was one of those walking encyclopedias.



E Edwin DeWindt 10:49
Fantastic.

S Sharon Vlahovich 10:50
Yeah, I had a family friend who restored Model T's, but he was more interested just in making it run. And some purist was angry at him because he used the wrong screws.

E Edwin DeWindt 11:02
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:02
Sure. The horror. It's a big deal.

S Sharon Vlahovich 11:03
Yeah. And he was like, "Yeah, but it would have involved many more tools.

B Beth Oljar 11:08
Yeah

E Edwin DeWindt 11:08
Well, can you even find the original screws?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:09
Oh, I think you'd have to machine make them probably.

S Sharon Vlahovich 11:15
Which was another reason for just making it work.

E Edwin DeWindt 11:20
This is amazing. In comic strips, what is the Grawlix? G-R-A-W-L-I-X.

B Beth Oljar 11:29
Is that just the last pane or - ?

E Edwin DeWindt 11:34
No, no, it's something you see quite often in comics, in fact,

B Beth Oljar 11:40
is that the name for the bubble in which the words are writtten?

E Edwin DeWindt 11:43
Well, these are things that would be in a bubble.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:46
So thought bubbles?

E Edwin DeWindt 11:48
Uh, not -

D Dan Maggio 11:50
Symbols that replace -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:51
Uh - swearing.

E Edwin DeWindt 11:52
Yes. Exactly. The exclamation points and swirls and all that kind of stuff. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:00
Oh, I like that word a lot.

B Beth Oljar 12:01
Who knew it had a name?

E Edwin DeWindt 12:03
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 12:04
Impure thoughts. (The professors laugh)

S Sharon Vlahovich 12:09
In print form.

E Edwin DeWindt 12:13
Now that makes them even more erotic.


P Professors 12:23
(Laughing)


E Edwin DeWindt 12:23
In the Errol Flynn version of Robin Hood, what was the name of the famous horse that carried Maid Marian? The horse was not named in the movie. But the horse who actually carried - I think - Olivia de Havilland

D Dan Maggio 12:37
Paying tribute to Kathy - Fat Boy. (The professors laugh)


E Edwin DeWindt 12:39
Fat Boy That's a famous cat. (Laughs)


B Beth Oljar 12:43


 Beth Oljar 12:43
That's right. The cat who a Pittsburgh


 Edwin DeWindt 12:45
(Laughing) Yes. And is still digesting it.


 Beth Oljar 12:48
Has not seen his paws in years. (The professors laugh)

 Sharon Vlahovich 12:54
Famous horse?


 Edwin DeWindt 12:55
Mm-hm.

 Sharon Vlahovich 12:55
Did this horse have other - ?

 Edwin DeWindt 12:58
Yes, he was associated with a cowboy movie actor.

 Beth Oljar 13:02
Tom Mix?

 Edwin DeWindt 13:03
Not Tom Mix.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:05
Was it Trigger?



E Edwin DeWindt 13:06
Trigger! That was it. Trigger. Yes. It was trigger.

B Beth Oljar 13:10
I was gonna say Mr. Ed.

D Dan Maggio 13:11
Who rode Trigger before - ?

E Edwin DeWindt 13:14
Roy Rogers, right. I was about to say Tonto. (The professors laugh) Roy Rogers.

D David Koukal 13:20
He did ride a horse.

E Edwin DeWindt 13:21
Yes, he did. (Laughs) What is the first service uniform to be registered with the US Patent and Trademark Office?

D Dan Maggio 13:34
was it the Salvation Army?

E Edwin DeWindt 13:36
No. That's far too serious.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:43
I was about to say The post office. No. No, it had to have happened in the 50s. And it had to have been involved with the sudden appearance of a very - shall we say - epoch making or groundbreaking magazine.

B Beth Oljar 14:06
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Oh PLAYBOY.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:08
You've got it. The PLAYBOY bunny costume

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:12
That's a uniform?

B Beth Oljar 14:16
Gloria Steinem wore it, so - to infiltrate them.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:27
Okay, in 1908, the Superior Hotel in Iron Mountain, Montana was paid a very special visit. What was the occasion?

D Dan Maggio 14:38
Is it something presidential?

E Edwin DeWindt 14:40
No. No, it's people that come to hotels and leave things there.

D David Koukal 14:44
Oh, the Gideons.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:45
Yes!

D Dan Maggio 14:46
Oh, Lord.



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:47
Nice.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:48
What famous TV sidekick was originally born Harold J. Smith?

D Dan Maggio 14:55
Harold, the kid who got beat up all the time.

E Edwin DeWindt 14:57
No

D David Koukal 14:59
Ed McMahon

E Edwin DeWindt 15:00
No.

D Dan Maggio 15:01
Harold J? J. Smith? is it. Did he drop the first name and keep -

E Edwin DeWindt 15:06
No, He kept the first name but it wasn't first name. It became a first name. I mean, he dropped the second name, but it became his first name. So Harold J. Smith, he dropped the Harold and he dropped the Smith.

D Dan Maggio 15:20
Right, Jay? Jay Leno.

E Edwin DeWindt 15:23
No. But he did make a wretched movie in Detroit once. I know that

B Beth Oljar 15:27
Not Jay in Silent Bob, is it?

E Edwin DeWindt 15:29
No, no no

D Dan Maggio 15:31
He made a wretched movie in Detroit?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:33
Yeah, Whatt was the wretched movie?

E Edwin DeWindt 15:34
I've forgotten the name of it now, but it took place a lot in the Eastern Market, and he played a detective and he wasn't very good.

B Beth Oljar 15:40
So it's a famous TV sidekick -

E Edwin DeWindt 15:42
No, no, no, no, I'm talking about something totally different. This is a TV sidekick - but he also appeared in a radio series long before there was a television version of this saga.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:55
Wow.

D David Koukal 15:56
It wouldn't be something involving DRAGNET.



E Edwin DeWindt 16:04
No, think cowboys.

D Dan Maggio 16:06
I wonder why we can't get this. Tonto?

E Edwin DeWindt 16:11
Yes.

D Dan Maggio 16:13
Tonto?

E Edwin DeWindt 16:13
Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:14
Oh, you're kidding me.

E Edwin DeWindt 16:16
And who was the actor who played Tonto? His first name was Jay. (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 16:24
This is the guy who threw the axe on the Tonight Show. Right? Wasn't that the famous - ?

E Edwin DeWindt 16:28
No, that was one of the Ames brothers. (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 16:30
Oh, right. My bad.

- D** David Koukal 16:32
Jay Silverheels.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 16:34
Jay Silverheels. That's right. That's right. There you go. He was the original Tonto, to Clayton Moore's Lone Ranger.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:45
And he was on the radio show too.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 16:46
Yeah, he wasn't on the radio show.
- D** Dan Maggio 16:48
So where does the movie from Detroit come into this? Oh, because it's Jay - Never mind.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 16:52
That's right. You said Jay Leno. And I said "no, he did make a bad movie" - (The professors laugh) Totally forgotten.
- D** Dan Maggio 17:00
Now I have to mention Conan at least once
- H** Hugh Culik 17:02
That's right.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 17:04
I wish someone will give me \$45 million to go away
- D** Dan Maggio 17:08
I wish they'd go away. because they're both terrible

E Edwin DeWindt 17:11
Yeah

D Dan Maggio 17:11
Actually Conan's alright. Because he's intelligent.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:13
Yes

E Edwin DeWindt 17:14
(fLaughs)

D Dan Maggio 17:14
That Triumph, the insulting dog is about one of the funniest skits on TV. He does this - If you Google on YouTube, Google "Triumph, The Insulting Dog and Star Wars". Did you ever see Triumph The Insulting Dog?

E Edwin DeWindt 17:22
Oh, yeah.

D Dan Maggio 17:27
Okay, well, he's in line in New York City. I think what the opening of the the first week would be movie one. Okay, actually, but he went the all these people dressed up, and they're just complete nerds. And he has a field day with them. It's really hilarious.

E Edwin DeWindt 17:43
(Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 17:45
Triumph the Insult Comic dog.

D Dan Maggio 17:49
It's so funny.

E Edwin DeWindt 17:51
Oh, dear. All right. All right. Who is the only United Nations Secretary General to die while in office?

S Sharon Vlahovich 18:02
Oh

E Edwin DeWindt 18:04
He even won the Nobel Peace Prize but he had to have it awarded posthumously.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:10
Didn't know they could do that.

E Edwin DeWindt 18:12
I didn't either

D David Koukal 18:13
It wasn't Dag, was it?

E Edwin DeWindt 18:14
Yes.

S Sharon Vlahovich 18:16
Hey!

D David Koukal 18:16

I can't get the last name.

B Beth Oljar 18:18
Hammarskjöld

E Edwin DeWindt 18:19
That's right. That's right. That's right.

D David Koukal 18:22
It was just a wild guess. That was not even an educated guess.

B Beth Oljar 18:24
Well, if they're right, it doesn't matter whether they're educated or wild.

E Edwin DeWindt 18:29
Yeah, we'll take anything. You know.

S Sharon Vlahovich 18:32
Yeah, just take the credit.

E Edwin DeWindt 18:35
What musical group has had seven number two songs hit the pop singles chart but never a number one song?

D David Koukal 18:43
Beatles

E Edwin DeWindt 18:44
No.

- D** Dan Maggio 18:45
The Rolling Stones
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:46
A bunch of number two's
- E** Edwin DeWindt 18:46
No
- B** Beth Oljar 18:48
The Jackson Five?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 18:49
No.
- D** Dan Maggio 18:50
This is obviously a famous group
- E** Edwin DeWindt 18:52
it's three letters. I mean, three words. I mean
- D** David Koukal 18:55
Three Dog Night
- E** Edwin DeWindt 18:56
No, but that's not a bad guess.
- D** Dan Maggio 18:58
"The Lovin' Spoonful". I don't know.

D David Koukal 19:02
We're showing our age.

D Dan Maggio 19:03
Is it recent or- ?

E Edwin DeWindt 19:04
Well, they're not - They didn't just appear last week. You know, they've been around for quite a while. The word "Revival" is in their name.

S Sharon Vlahovich 19:13
Oh, Creedance Clearwater Revival.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:15
That's right.

D David Koukal 19:16
They never had a number one.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:17
That's right.

D David Koukal 19:17
I had no idea.

D Dan Maggio 19:19
I would never have guessed that.

B Beth Oljar 19:20
Although John Fogerty did have to prove in court that he hadn't plagiarized himself.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:25
That's right.

B Beth Oljar 19:26
It was one of his solo efforts CENTERFIELD. Yeah, he was actually sued by the other members of CCR for copyright infringement on I can't remember - the guitar riff was similar to Run Through The Jungle or something

E Edwin DeWindt 19:41
Oh, my gosh.

B Beth Oljar 19:42
And he's like, "I wrote both of them!" (The professors laugh)

E Edwin DeWindt 19:53
Oh, that's perfect.

S Sharon Vlahovich 19:58
Sure

E Edwin DeWindt 19:58
Okay, the award winning actor Kevin Spacey has an older brother with an odd profession in acting. What is it?

D Dan Maggio 20:07
Best Boy?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:08
The oldest Best Boy. I love that.

D David Koukal 20:12
The gaffer.

E Edwin DeWindt 20:12
What's a gaffer? Yeah (Laughs)

D David Koukal 20:14
I don't even know what it is, but I've always wondered.

E Edwin DeWindt 20:16
(Laughing) Yes. No, no, no

D Dan Maggio 20:20
A stuntman?

E Edwin DeWindt 20:20
He actually does something besides whatever those people do.

D Dan Maggio 20:24
Does he play like corpses?

E Edwin DeWindt 20:25
Well, he impersonates someone. He's a professional impersonator of one particular celebrity.

D Dan Maggio 20:34
Besides his brother, obviously

E Edwin DeWindt 20:35
He doesn't do his brother, apparently

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:36
That would be interesting.

D Dan Maggio 20:39
Well, Spacey looks like

E Edwin DeWindt 20:42
(Laughs) Well, I don't know what his brother looks like

D Dan Maggio 20:47
Who would you want to impersonate? Jack Nicholson.

E Edwin DeWindt 20:51
No.

B Beth Oljar 20:52
I don't know what the brother looks like.

E Edwin DeWindt 20:54
He's a - He's a musical figure.

B Beth Oljar 20:57
Elvis?

E Edwin DeWindt 20:58
Rather tall. No, not Elvis. Rather tall - He's still alive. I think he's alive. Of course. You look at him sometimes and you wonder.

D Dan Maggio 21:05
Mick Jagger?

...er jagger.

- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:06
No, he has kind of an unkempt hairstyle and -
- D** Dan Maggio 21:11
Bob Dylan?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:11
No. Oh, shucks.
- D** David Koukal 21:14
Nick Cave.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:15
What?!
- D** David Koukal 21:16
Lyle Lovett. (The professors laugh) There's a lot of bad hair out there.
- B** Beth Oljar 21:21
I'm not helping. I'm trying desparately.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:26
Okay. I forgot the question.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:29
Who does Kevin Spacey's brother Randy impersonate for a living? (laughs)
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:33

Okay.

- D** David Koukal 21:34
I mean, who would - I mean it's got to be somebody that -you know - there's a lot of demand for. Yeah, he's making his living off.
- B** Beth Oljar 21:41
One of the Beatles?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:42
First name is Rod (Laughing) Yes.
- D** Dan Maggio 21:44
Why would a person want to impersonate Rod Stewart?
- B** Beth Oljar 21:44
Oh, Rod Stewart.
- D** David Koukal 21:45
Because Rod Stewart had a great voice.
- D** Dan Maggio 21:53
He still does.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:53
Yeah.
- D** David Koukal 21:54
But is Rod Stewart still alive?

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- D** Dan Maggio 21:56
Oh, yeah.
- B** Beth Oljar 21:57
In his 60s, he just recorded a -
- D** David Koukal 21:59
Then, why don't they use the original? (Edwin laughs)
- B** Beth Oljar 22:03
He just recorded a tribute album of - like - old standards
- D** Dan Maggio 22:06
He did. I never cared for him, but- He still has the same hair
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 22:13
Showing off. And that's what he's doing
- D** Dan Maggio 22:16
Nobody keeps that same hair for 30 years.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 22:19
What do you mean? I do. (The professors laugh)
- D** Dan Maggio 22:22
Well, you're lucky.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 22:22
(Laughs) I haven't got much of it left. But, you know (laughs). Alright.

B Beth Oljar 22:30
You're not Marty Leever. Well, he had hair when we hired him.

E Edwin DeWindt 22:31
Well, Marty is like my father. My father had lost mostly all of his hair by the time he was 30. And it turned white instantly, what was left of it. All right, what state in the union is the only one to have a maximum speed limit of 60 miles an hour?

D Dan Maggio 22:55
Pennsylvania

E Edwin DeWindt 22:57
Yeah, I would have believed that. But the last time I was in the Turnpike, it was 55.

D Dan Maggio 23:02
Yeah, they even had the gall to put signs up that said "We still have a speed limit of - (I think it was 55 or 60)".

E Edwin DeWindt 23:10
No, this is a western state.

D Dan Maggio 23:13
Oh

E Edwin DeWindt 23:13
very far west. Hawaii. Yes.(Laughs) Well, I imagine if you went more than 60 around some of those winding roads (laughs)

D Dan Maggio 23:22
Grace Kelly. (The professors laugh)



E

Edwin DeWindt 23:27

I remember - this is why I was still on the show. And Kathy Bush was on our panel. And I decided she made a comment in answer to a question. I decided this is the person who must replace me. (The professors laugh) It was "What famous Hollywood movie actress is being considered for sainthood". And there was this long baffle in response on the panel and Kathy funny said "Grace Kelly". And I said "Absolutely correct". And she said "Patron saint of the auto club"

D

David Koukal 23:56

That's sort of like that Natalie Wood joke.

B

Beth Oljar 24:05

Don't go boating. Yeah.

D

Dan Maggio 24:07

They said that she had a stroke. That she was driving and that it wasn't alcohol related. but I think that they had determined that she actually had some kind of stroke. Well -

E

Edwin DeWindt 24:12

Right.

S

Sharon Vlahovich 24:12

Yeah.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:19

Right.

B

Beth Oljar 24:21

Stephanie was driving.

D

Dan Maggio 24:22

No, her daughter was in the car but survived.

- B** Beth Oljar 24:25
Oh, right. Okay. Well, I remember that part then. Now Sally didn't survive but Sally lost Grace.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:29
Yes. Yes. You know, we're making this worse. Aren't we? (Laughs) We're really making this worse. Okay. Who was the first Harlem Globetrotter to have his number retired?
- B** Beth Oljar 24:49
Meadowlark Lemon?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:50
No
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:51
That's the only one that I know.
- B** Beth Oljar 24:52
Yep.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:53
It's a man who played only one season with them.
- D** David Koukal 24:55
Wasn't there a guy named Curly?
- D** Dan Maggio 24:58
I believe there was a Curly. Yeah,
- E** Edwin DeWindt 24:59
This was a very famous basketball player.

D Dan Maggio 25:03
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. This would be old - Wilt Chamberlain. Did he play- ?

E Edwin DeWindt 25:08
Yeah. That's it. Only one season. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 25:11
Wow He went on to bigger and better things in the NBA.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:15
That's right. What Beatles song did some of the members contribute by playing an instrument?
No, excuse me, what Beatles song did NONE of the members contribute by playing an instrument?

D David Koukal 25:16
Much bigger.

S Sharon Vlahovich 25:27
Oh, there we go.

E Edwin DeWindt 25:30
That's much better

D Dan Maggio 25:32
Do they have an acapella song?

D David Koukal 25:35
Okay, Beth. This is your question.

- E** Edwin DeWindt 25:37
It's a song that uses a lot of strings. In fact, it's all strings.
- D** David Koukal 25:42
Oh, um, A Day In The Life ?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 25:44
No
- B** Beth Oljar 25:45
No, YESTERDAY has lots of strings. But -
- E** Edwin DeWindt 25:47
Yeah, but it's not that.
- B** Beth Oljar 25:49
And it's not something weird, like REVOLUTION NINE?
- D** David Koukal 25:52
No, that's - the wrong kind of strings.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 25:56
It's about loneliness.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 25:58
The wrong kind of strings?
- D** David Koukal 25:59
Yeah, I mean, I think he's talking about like, orchestral strings.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:02
Yeah. It involved a string octet.

B Beth Oljar 26:06
It's about loneliness.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:08
Uh-huh.

B Beth Oljar 26:08
NOWHERE MAN?

E Edwin DeWindt 26:09
No.

B Beth Oljar 26:09
I should know this.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:17
ELEANOR RIGBY.

D Dan Maggio 26:18
Oh

B Beth Oljar 26:20
Oh.

D David Koukal 26:21
You're right.

B Beth Oljar 26:23
Yeah.

E Edwin DeWindt 26:25
All right.

D Dan Maggio 26:26
Beth is so mad. She's gonna go home and listen to every Beatle song ever made? (The professors laugh)

D David Koukal 26:31
She'll make up her own questions.

B Beth Oljar 26:32
No, but I probably should have been able to get that one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:34
It's okay, I didn't know the J thing. (The professors laugh)

D David Koukal 26:40
Mr. Science over there. (THE END-OF-SHOW BELL RINGS)

E Edwin DeWindt 26:43
Oh, my goodness! And we have one question left. We'll have to save that for the next show. So David has gotten - what - three weeks out of this. He will have gotten three weeks out of this. That's pretty good. So we thank Mr. Chow for his questions so far. And I thank the panel - Professor Oljar, Professor Mio, Professor Maggio, Ms. Vlahovich, and Professor Koukal for joining us. And now this word, You can email Ask The Professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page Ask The Professor is transcribed in the facilities of the Communication Studies Department in the University of Detroit Mercy campus. Ask The Professor is produced by Michael Jayson, executive producer is Vivian Dicks and until next week, this is your purely temporary purely, purely transient just coming passing through and will not be here very long host Edwin DeWindt substituting for the real person who runs this show Kathy Bush,



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