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## SPEAKERS

Dan Maggio, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Edwin DeWindt, Michael Jayson, Beth Oljar, Sharon Vlahovich, Production Element, David Koukal

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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 00:21  
The Dirge of the University tower chimes rings in another session of Ask the Professor. This is the radio show in which you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy professors and their guests in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host temporary host, not permanent host, Edwin DeWindt and today we have with us the panel we had last week. They were so successful, they are being brought back by popular demand.
- D** David Koukal 00:53  
Hey!
- E** Edwin DeWindt 00:55  
I'll tell you
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:56  
Mandate
- E** Edwin DeWindt 00:57

Edwin DeWindt 01:07

There are careers being made right here. That's right. That's right. I'm on my left from the department of philosophy professor Beth Oljar. Good to have you here. On her left my right - What direction are we talking about? - her left - from the Department of Chemistry and whatever else it is. Professor Matt Mio.

B

Beth Oljar 01:06

Good to be here.

E

Edwin DeWindt 01:20

On his left, from the Department of Mathematics; you see that's an easy one to get, mathematics. Dan Maggio.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:20

Hi Edwin

D

Dan Maggio 01:28

Greetings, and on Dan's left, still from the Detroit Public Library system. Sharon Vlahovich.

S

Sharon Vlahovich 01:34

Thank you very much.

E

Edwin DeWindt 01:35

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

D

David Koukal 01:40

Glad to be back.

E

Edwin DeWindt 01:41

Glad to have you back. Okay. Well, on our last program, we were wrapping up the second set of questions from Mr. David Chow. And we had just one more question to go. And I think we owe it to him finish -

S Sharon Vlahovich 01:56  
Oh, yes.

E Edwin DeWindt 01:57  
It's certainly a question I never would have thought out. That's for sure. Why are cashews always sold without shells?

D Dan Maggio 02:06  
Because they don't come with shells? (The professors laugh)

E Edwin DeWindt 02:11  
No, they do, it turns out

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:12  
I want to say that there's something poisonous

E Edwin DeWindt 02:15  
Yes

B Beth Oljar 02:18  
Chemistry dude,

E Edwin DeWindt 02:19  
It's an oil that has the same impact on the human skin as poison ivy.

S Sharon Vlahovich 02:24  
Oh!

B Beth Oljar 02:25  
Lovely!

**D** David Koukal 02:25  
That takes a little of the joy out of it.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 02:26  
It certainly does. So thank you, David Chow.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:30  
Those were great questions, Dave.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 02:31  
He didn't stump the panel, but we had a lot of fun for two weeks. And that's pretty good. That's very good, in fact, and so we had two David Chow days, which is something that doesn't happen very often on this show.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:44  
What more could you want?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 02:45  
Our next set of questions comes from Mr. Harry Lime, who sends us a series of just kind of general information stuff, and we'll see what we can do with it. Shall we give it a run? Okay, what Southeastern state leads the US in obese people per capita?

**D** David Koukal 03:08  
Florida

**E** Edwin DeWindt 03:09  
Not Florida, but the right part of the country.

**B** Beth Oljar 03:12  
Louisiana,

D Dan Maggio 03:13  
Mississippi,

E Edwin DeWindt 03:13  
Mississippi. I have no idea why.

D David Koukal 03:16  
i live in Florida for three years, and I never would have guessed

D Dan Maggio 03:19  
Have you ever been there?

E Edwin DeWindt 03:19  
No.

D Dan Maggio 03:20  
That's why you don't know. I have never been to Mississippi

S Sharon Vlahovich 03:22  
but it's warm there. One does not want to move much.

E Edwin DeWindt 03:26  
That's - Well, that makes sense. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 03:29  
The native cuisine - I mean, the traditional Southern cooking.

E Edwin DeWindt 03:33  
That would add to the -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:35  
Southern comfort.

E Edwin DeWindt 03:36  
Yes. Well, we don't know when this declaration was made by the CDC; so - you know it could have been surpassed by Florida by now.

D David Koukal 03:46  
Well, there's more people in Florida probably now. It's a big state.

E Edwin DeWindt 03:51  
All right. Who had a hankering for Clarice Starling in a 1988 novel?

D David Koukal 04:01  
Hannibal Lecter, played by Anthony Hopkins, award winning "I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti" one of my favorite movies

E Edwin DeWindt 04:12  
(laughs)

D David Koukal 04:12  
As you know.

E Edwin DeWindt 04:14  
I can well imagine.

B Beth Oljar 04:16  
But we think Manhunter is actually a better -

E Edwin DeWindt 04:18

**E** Edwin DeWindt 04:19

Oh, yes. Yes.

**B** Beth Oljar 04:19

At least, is a better film.

**D** David Koukal 04:20

There's actually some philosophy - there's - I mean, Hannibal Lecter is a very Nietzschean figure.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 04:24

Yeah, yeah

**D** David Koukal 04:25

You can read him. He's an Uber match.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 04:27

That's right. Have you seen Manhunter, by the way.

**D** David Koukal 04:30

Yes

**E** Edwin DeWindt 04:31

Yeah.

**B** Beth Oljar 04:32

He clearly knows what the right thing to do - I mean, he proves the weakness of will, right? He clearly knows what the right thing to do is and cares not at all about. Plato would have no idea what to say. (The professors laugh) Or Aristotle, for that matter

**D** David Koukal 04:43

Because for Nietzsche and Hannibal Lecter it's about power. not truth

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**S** Sharon Vlahovich 04:50  
Doing what you want to do?

**B** Beth Oljar 04:54  
Yeah, and other - you know, other people's status as people is no block to the satisfaction of your own personal interests if you're an amoralist, so -

**D** David Koukal 05:01  
Mm-hm. Mm-hm

**D** Dan Maggio 05:02  
Oh, that's what I have. Nobody ever put it that way. (The professors laugh)

**E** Edwin DeWindt 05:06  
Oh my gosh

**D** David Koukal 05:07  
Suffering from the Nietzschean affliction.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 05:09  
You never know what you're gonna learn when you dial into this show. Isn't it something? Oh my goodness. Okay. Well, next question. Actually, we hate to set aside this session of Ask The Philosopher. (The professors laugh)

**B** Beth Oljar 05:24  
Well, Joe Montaigne's character in House Of Games is the same. I mean he doesn't -

**E** Edwin DeWindt 05:27  
Well, that's right. Absolutely right. Yes.



**B** Beth Oljar 05:30  
"Yeah, I know this is wrong. I don't care".

**E** Edwin DeWindt 05:31  
"I don't care." Yeah, exactly. Right.

**B** Beth Oljar 05:34  
My whole dissertation was about that - (The professors laugh) Whether or not that's even a conceptual possibility

**D** David Koukal 05:40  
That actually got made into a TV show. (The professors laugh) Better than my dissertation, which still languishes on my shelf unpublished.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 05:52  
Well, get busy. (Laughs)

**D** David Koukal 05:54  
That's what my adviser has been saying for years,

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 05:56  
It holds the door open once in a while.

**D** David Koukal 05:59  
It's big enough to do that. (Professors laugh) A large door,

**M** Michael Jayson 05:59  
Well, you see

**B** Beth Oljar 06:03

That's more than I've ever expected of mine. It got me out of graduate school. That was really all I cared about.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 06:11

That's all that matters. That's what it's really all about.

**B** Beth Oljar 06:14

Well, I'm sure you got a publication or two out of your -

**D** David Koukal 06:17

Oh, sure. Yeah.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 06:20

What future First Lady was the first to make a Spanish language ad to score the Latino vote for her husband,

**D** David Koukal 06:27

Laura Bush.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 06:28

No.

**D** Dan Maggio 06:28

Reagan. Was it Nancy Reagan?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 06:31

No, it was before that.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 06:34

Really?

B Beth Oljar 06:35  
Ladybird Johnson?

E Edwin DeWindt 06:36  
I'm surprised she didn't do it in French. But -

D David Koukal 06:39  
Eleanor Roosevelt

E Edwin DeWindt 06:39  
No.

B Beth Oljar 06:42  
later than that?

E Edwin DeWindt 06:43  
no, after Eleanor Roosevelt

B Beth Oljar 06:45  
Okay

E Edwin DeWindt 06:46  
but the right party.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:47  
We've narrowed it down.

E Edwin DeWindt 06:49  
Jackie Kennedy. That's right. That's right. But I'm certain you're right. From the time that these questions were put together by Mr. Lime, who I think was probably occupied in other things

while he was doing it. That there have been other presidents since. (Laughs)

**B** Beth Oljar 06:49  
Jackie Kennedy?

**D** Dan Maggio 07:08  
That have done that? Yes. Okay. What is the largest single crop in the US measured in raw acreage?

**D** David Koukal 07:16  
I'm gonna say corn

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 07:16  
Corn.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 07:17  
(Laughing) No.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 07:18  
At the time, the question was written?

**D** Dan Maggio 07:21  
Wheat.?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 07:22  
This is one of those things that I call a really dumb question.

**B** Beth Oljar 07:28  
It's not marijuana, is it?

- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:29  
No, no, it's not marijuana.
- D** Dan Maggio 07:30  
It's something different. Something funny.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:32  
You don't think of it as a crop.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:35  
So it's not like grass?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:37  
Yes it is! Exactly! My hint was gonna be - "You think of it as lawn". (the professors laugh)
- B** Beth Oljar 07:44  
It's a crop if you're a cow
- P** Production Element 07:47  
rRght, if you're a cow, it is a crop.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:48  
It's dinner.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 07:49  
(Laughs) Okay, What golf course had the only dogleg par in the world until additional Cliff land was purchased in the 1990s
- D** Dan Maggio 08:04  
Cliff land., Would it be in California

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:06  
I know what this is.

E Edwin DeWindt 08:07  
It's in California. Yes.

S Sharon Vlahovich 08:13  
I have no idea.

E Edwin DeWindt 08:14  
Think little tiny rocks.

S Sharon Vlahovich 08:14  
Pebble Beach

E Edwin DeWindt 08:17  
Pebble Beach. Yes

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:21  
Is crazy my brother in law is a pro and he's got the framed picture of exactly what you're talking about -

E Edwin DeWindt 08:25  
Oh, my gosh.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:26  
In the dining room

D Dan Maggio 08:32

Pro what? (The professors laugh)

**E** Edwin DeWindt 08:39  
Let's not even go down that street.

**D** Dan Maggio 08:44  
Well, I didn't want the listening audience to think anything different.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 08:47  
No, no, no, you were doing the right.

**D** Dan Maggio 08:50  
Thank you.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 08:52  
Okay. Who did Alan Ginsberg call, "A French Canadian Hinayana Buddhist beat Catholic savant?"

**D** David Koukal 09:01  
Leonard Cohen.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 09:02  
No.

**B** Beth Oljar 09:04  
Jack Kerouac.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 09:05  
Yes.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:06



Oh, there you go.



Edwin DeWindt 09:06

Exactly



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:07

In the same vein



Edwin DeWindt 09:07

Jack Kerouac. There we go. Okay, what macho writer outfitted his home with the first swimming pool in Key West Florida?



Sharon Vlahovich 09:27

Oh, Hemingway?



Edwin DeWindt 09:28

Yes. Hemmingway. Exactly, exactly.



Dan Maggio 09:32

Is he considered macho?



Sharon Vlahovich 09:33

Just a little bit. But - the fact that he had a swimming pool rather than swim in the ocean -



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:33

Maybe a little.



David Koukal 09:40

He killed himself with a shotgun



E Edwin DeWindt 09:41  
Yeah

D David Koukal 09:43  
That's pretty macho. It's not like a small - you know - bore

E Edwin DeWindt 09:50  
George Carlin True true. Yes, yes. Okay, what comic titled his HBO special "Be More Cynical" No

D David Koukal 09:58  
Um, your guy.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:04  
He's still on HBO.

B Beth Oljar 10:06  
Bill Maher?

E Edwin DeWindt 10:06  
Yep. Bill Maher.

S Sharon Vlahovich 10:09  
Hey!

E Edwin DeWindt 10:09  
How about that? Okay.

B Beth Oljar 10:10  
Did you seen Religulous?

E Edwin DeWindt 10:12  
No I haven't

D David Koukal 10:13  
It's hyterical. It's awesome.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:15  
That's what I've been told yes. Who took the title of Chief Software Architect when he handed the job as CEO to Steve Ballmer in 2000.

D Dan Maggio 10:27  
Gates.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:28  
No, it would be Steve Jobs. Right?

E Edwin DeWindt 10:30  
No. It was Bill Gates

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:32  
Oh, okay.

B Beth Oljar 10:32  
Bill, the nerd.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:33  
It was Bill Gates. Okay, where would your finger be if the nail was hidden by your tragus?

S Sharon Vlahovich 10:44  
Tragus?

D Dan Maggio 10:44  
Where would your finger be if your nail is hidden by your tragus?

E Edwin DeWindt 10:46  
Mm-hm

D Dan Maggio 10:46  
In your ear? Yep. That's it.

D David Koukal 10:50  
Way to go, Man.

E Edwin DeWindt 10:51  
In your ear.

D Dan Maggio 10:51  
That was the least vulgar answer. (The professors laugh)

D David Koukal 10:52  
You could have said "up your nose"

B Beth Oljar 11:00  
But this is a family show.

E Edwin DeWindt 11:01  
That's right.

D Dan Maggio 11:02  
This is a family show. (Edwin laughs)

This is a funny show. (Edwin laughs)

**D** David Koukal 11:06  
How did you know that?

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 11:07  
Yeah, how did you know that? Tragus?

**D** Dan Maggio 11:08  
Because the first place I went to put my finger was in my ear.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 11:09  
So you didn't know.

**D** Dan Maggio 11:13  
I actually didn't know. It was like what Dave had. It was a lucky guess

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:18  
What Nebraska senator is part owner of a chain of restaurants called Grandmother"s. Well, he's no longer a senator. I can tell you that.

**D** David Koukal 11:26  
So it's not Ben Nelson.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:27  
No, it's not.

**D** David Koukal 11:29  
Was that thrown in for that deal that they got?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:31

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:31

I wonder.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:32

along with the Medicaid subsidy.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:35

Yeah. This was a guy who people thought of his presidential material at one time, and then he just chose not to pursue it.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:46

Okay, well, Bob Dole was from Kansas,

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:49

Yeah, I think he used to be a friend of Linda Ronstadt or someone like that, too.

**D** David Koukal 11:54

It's Kerrey.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:55

Yes

**B** Beth Oljar 11:56

John Kerry

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:57

Not John.

**D** David Koukal 11:58

Bob Kerrey

**E** Edwin DeWindt 11:59  
Bob Kerrey. That's it.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:00  
I always get the two Kerry's confused

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:02  
Does anybody remember the

**D** David Koukal 12:04  
Linda Ronstadt? Yeah

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:06  
No. (The professors laugh) What's so special about the Nebraska Legislature?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 12:12  
I don't know. What is?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:14  
It's the only unicameral legislature in the United States.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 12:17  
Oh, that's right!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:18  
They decided they would call themselves senators no matter what. That's what I thought was interesting.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:22  
Drew announced to me the other night that he said, "You know, we should get rid of the US

Senate"

**D** David Koukal 12:26  
Oh, absolutely.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:27  
I'm like, "So you don't think a bicameral legislature is a good idea? It should all just be -"

**D** David Koukal 12:31  
Not one with filibuster powers. Which is another thing that's not in the constitution.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:35  
That's an argument for redoing procedures, not for -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:40  
Right.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:41  
I mean, having -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:42  
They did rewrite Robert's Rules for the US government?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 12:46  
That's true.

**D** David Koukal 12:46  
Really?

**M** Matt Mio. Ph.D. 12:46

Yes, they did. They don't use Robert's Rules. They use the Senate version.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 12:50

Yes Robert's

**D** David Koukal 12:50

Robert's Rules doesn't have filibuster in it.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:52

That's what I'm getting it. They rewrote it -

**D** David Koukal 12:54

because I was accused of filibustering on a sort of infamous committee that I've served on for four years here. And I said, "There's no filibuster in Robert's Rules". So it was a nice trivia question that I was able to answer to stun that panel.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 13:06

My gosh, Yes.

**D** David Koukal 13:08

It's easy to stun that panel, but enough said

**E** Edwin DeWindt 13:10

Oh, my Gosh

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 13:11

So - the Nebraska unicameral legislature.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:16

The reason that I - the only reason that I know this fact is because when I was a student here at the University, there was a originally Russian-born professor in the department who was



pushing his citizenship through, and we asked "What's on the US citizenship exam?" This was one of the questions.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 13:32  
Oh!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:33  
None of us knew the answer.

**D** Dan Maggio 13:33  
Really?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 13:34  
Oh my gosh!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:35  
Considering it sticks out like a sore thumb. It was only about 25 years ago, they decided to do it. Essentially, the sub trivia is that Michigan has tried to do it about five or six times in the last 50 years. It's been shot down before it's gotten on any ballot.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 13:49  
Oh, that's interesting.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:50  
Yeah. It would allow us to save some money

**B** Beth Oljar 13:53  
They save on a state level.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:54  
Oh, They save so much money.

**D** David Koukal 13:56  
They all want to be senators is what it's all about.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 14:00  
Well, as we ponder these amazing revelations, let's take a little break here.

**P** Production Element 14:07  
Ask The Professor FLASHBACK

**E** Edwin DeWindt 15:06  
And we're back with our questions from Harry Lime. And we'll just plunge right ahead.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:13  
I'm learning stuff today.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 15:13  
I know well, you see, that's what this show does. It really gets people thinking. Wonderful debates that I think that it's too bad the rest of the country can't hear them.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:28  
Everybody else is yelling too loud.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 15:30  
That's - That's true.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:31  
On talk radio.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:31

Especially if they're in the Senate.

- E** Edwin DeWindt 15:33  
Yes, yes. What Eastern European nation is obliged to consume seafood from the Warta and Bug Rivers?
- B** Beth Oljar 15:43  
Poland
- E** Edwin DeWindt 15:44  
Yes.
- D** David Koukal 15:44  
The what? The Bug River?
- E** Edwin DeWindt 15:46  
The Boog, probably.
- B** Beth Oljar 15:48  
It's a major river in Poland.
- D** David Koukal 15:51  
Obviously, I don't know much about Poland.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 15:55  
What trio became Charlie's Angels for the new millennium.
- B** Beth Oljar 15:59  
Oh Drew Barrymore -

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- D** Dan Maggio 16:01  
Cameron Diaz, and Lucy Liu.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 16:03  
That's right. Gosh, whatever happened to Lucy Liu?
- B** Beth Oljar 16:08  
She actually is - She did some interesting - She has a role in PAYBACK.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 16:14  
Oh, really?
- B** Beth Oljar 16:14  
A Mel Gibson film.
- D** David Koukal 16:15  
She's also in KILL BILL
- B** Beth Oljar 16:16  
She does a good job in KILL BILL.
- D** Dan Maggio 16:18  
Oh, that's her at the end. Oh, she's fantastic. That's one of my favorite scenes of all movies - the last 15 minutes of KILL BILL. (The professors laugh) The interaction between Uma Thurman and Lucy Liu, it was great. It really was a Hirohito
- B** Beth Oljar 16:32  
I like the second movie. I like the second KILL BILL better but -
- D** Dan Maggio 16:35  
Oh, really?

B Beth Oljar 16:37  
because I like her interaction with Bill.

D David Koukal 16:40  
Yeah

B Beth Oljar 16:40  
That relationship

D David Koukal 16:42  
Pretty sick.

E Edwin DeWindt 16:43  
Okay, what Republican hopeful in 1996 described Ford, Carter and Nixon as See No Evil, Hear No Evil and Evil. (The professors laugh)

D David Koukal 16:56  
A Republican?

E Edwin DeWindt 16:57  
A Republican. Yes.

D David Koukal 16:58  
Bob Dole

E Edwin DeWindt 16:58  
Yes! It was.

D David Koukal 17:02

"Bob Dole said that - ", in the third person. (The professors laugh)

**B** Beth Oljar 17:06

He had a sense of humor. Unfortunately, it never came out until after he was defeated.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 17:10

I know, and he started making Viagra ads and all that stuff. (The professors laugh) It was wonderful. Okay, what diminutive radio host and columnist penned the challenging tome SEX FOR DUMMIES?

**D** Dan Maggio 17:23

Oh, Ruth -

**B** Beth Oljar 17:24

Dr. Ruth

**D** David Koukal 17:27

Now there's somebody that - you know, what happened to her?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 17:29

Yeah.

**B** Beth Oljar 17:30

Her family were refugees from the Nazis. Yeah,

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 17:32

Mm-hm Yeah, that's true.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:33

I don't think she passed away.

- E** Edwin DeWindt 17:34  
No, I don't think she did. I think she's still alive.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 17:38  
She's written books pretty recently.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 17:40  
Yeah, I was gonna say.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 17:40  
We've got 'em on the shelf.
- B** Beth Oljar 17:40  
I'm not sure exactly what shelf they'd be on.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 17:44  
(Laughs) They're in the children's section. (The professors laugh)
- B** Beth Oljar 17:55  
Right next to Dr. Seuss.
- D** Dan Maggio 18:00  
Did you ever reshelv books intentionally, or missshelf I should say
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 18:04  
I would never do that.
- D** David Koukal 18:06  
It's against the code. (the professors laugh)

- D** Dan Maggio 18:12  
I'm going to Borders right after the show. (Edwin laughs) I'm gonna see if I can move some books around.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 18:18  
See if you're that kind of person, actually, then you want to be a cataloger and actually put the wrong number on it. That's truly evil.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 18:21  
Yes!
- D** David Koukal 18:24  
yeah, the people with the real power in librarianship -
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 18:28  
are the catalogers
- D** David Koukal 18:30  
but they're also the most associal. (Edwin laughs) They're always in the back putting numbers on books.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 18:35  
That's right.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 18:35  
Yeah. But you don't want to mess with a cataloger. (Edwin laughs)
- D** David Koukal 18:39  
They can screw up your world.



- S** Sharon Vlahovich 18:40  
Because - you know - Your dissertation is going to be in the lower level in the back and nobody will ever find it.
- B** Beth Oljar 18:48  
That's where mine should be. (The professors laugh)
- E** Edwin DeWindt 18:54  
Oh, the academic life. It's so much fun.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:00  
If we knew what we were doing, it wouldn't be called research.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 19:04  
Isn't that the case? Yes. What was the top selling white rap act of the 1990s?
- D** David Koukal 19:10  
Vanilla Ice
- E** Edwin DeWindt 19:11  
No.
- D** Dan Maggio 19:12  
Oh, Beastie Boys.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 19:13  
Beastie Boys. That's right. Okay.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:16  
Much better than Vanilla Ice.

D David Koukal 19:17  
Well, that's true.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:18  
What Scandinavian country tuckered out Harold's Anglo Saxon troops just prior to the Battle of Hastings.

D David Koukal 19:27  
Sweden.

E Edwin DeWindt 19:28  
Not Sweden, Norway, Norway. that's right. It was the Battle of Stirling Bridge and. And it was - let's see - Harold Hardrada, The King of Norway. He was leading his forces to claim the English throne and Harold stopped him dead and killed him and then they more or less ran all the way down towards Hastings, which is a hell of a distance to run. But they got there. They were kind of gasping for breath, and

B Beth Oljar 19:58  
What a surprise.

D David Koukal 19:59  
This is why we have a medievalist as our host. (The professors laugh) he has these right at his fingertips

E Edwin DeWindt 20:04  
and there was William and his gang just kind of lolling around on the shore saying "Oh they finally got here. They're all rested up."

D David Koukal 20:14  
They've got good tans a

E Edwin DeWindt 20:16

E Edwin DeWindt 20:10  
and then they just went out and killed everybody. And that not being enough he then did the same thing to the north of the country. He went north and killed everybody there too.

D David Koukal 20:29  
Everyone died

E Edwin DeWindt 20:30  
He was a real pussycat. "The Normans are here". What 19th century explosion caused the moon to appear to be green?

D David Koukal 20:40  
Which - What's the date?

S Sharon Vlahovich 20:42  
19th Century

E Edwin DeWindt 20:43  
It's sometimes described as the loudest noise ever heard in the world.


D David Koukal 20:46  
Uh, Krakatoa?


E Edwin DeWindt 20:47  
That's right.


S Sharon Vlahovich 20:48  
Yeah.


D David Koukal 20:49  
East of Java


- E** Edwin DeWindt 20:50  
(Laughs) That stupid movie. (Laughs) Have you looked at a map? (Laughs) Oh dear. What gangster plucked the banjo in a band with Machine Gun Kelly while in Alcatraz? That's right. Al Capone.
- D** David Koukal 21:13  
Al Capone
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:15  
Huh?
- D** David Koukal 21:18  
How many gangsters are there with cool names like that?
- B** Beth Oljar 21:22  
Who actually went to prison.
- E** Edwin DeWindt 21:24  
That's true.
- D** David Koukal 21:24  
and didn't get killed
- B** Beth Oljar 21:25  
for tax evasion.
- S** Sharon Vlahovich 21:26  
But he played the banjo?
- D** David Koukal 21:28


 David Koukal 21:29  
It's funny, you don't even

 Sharon Vlahovich 21:30  
I wouldn't think somebody.


 Edwin DeWindt 21:31  
No. It's not an Al Capone instrument


 David Koukal 21:35  
Maybe a mandolin or something? Maybe it wqs too efeminate.


 Sharon Vlahovich 21:38  
(Laughs)

 Edwin DeWindt 21:44  
Okay, all right. What Manhatten music place boasts a staircase lit by the world's largest chandelier?

 Dan Maggio 21:53  
Lincoln Center?

 Edwin DeWindt 21:54  
No, it's not Lincoln Center. It's closer to the center of Manhattan.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:01  
Radio City Music Hall? Yep, that's it . With the Rockettes

 Beth Oljar 22:05  
I wasgonna say Studio 54. (Edwin laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:11  
not around anymore.

D David Koukal 22:11  
I'm sure that's condos now.

E Edwin DeWindt 22:16  
How things come and go. Isn't that amazing? What actors portrayal of a fella named Wilson in 1967's. Poor Kyle was reused in 1999 when he played an ex con named Wilson in the Limey

B Beth Oljar 22:33  
so we ned the actor?

E Edwin DeWindt 22:34  
That's right. He's a British actor.

B Beth Oljar 22:36  
Is it Bob Hoskins?

E Edwin DeWindt 22:38  
No, it's not. It's a tall man. very slender, very thin.

D Dan Maggio 22:42  
Ian McHale.?

E Edwin DeWindt 22:43  
No.. McHale is not tall. He's a dwarf.

D Dan Maggio 22:49  
It must be Lord of the Rings.

E Edwin DeWindt 22:51  
Yeah, they made him look tall.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:53  
Yes.

E Edwin DeWindt 22:53  
But when you see him as Coriolanus as I did, you realize he's the shortest guy on the stage.

D Dan Maggio 22:59  
I just assumed he was 6'2", 6'3"

E Edwin DeWindt 23:01  
He and Kenneth Branagh are both very short. You'll laugh when you'll see them playing Coriolanus, because these little kids come on stage.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:04  
Yeah. And Ryan Seacrest.

D Dan Maggio 23:12  
I never would have guessed

S Sharon Vlahovich 23:16  
I like Kenneth Branagh. He might be short, but he's still cute.

E Edwin DeWindt 23:21  
(Laughs)

D David Koukal 23:21

But he has no upper lip. Or no lower lip, for that matter.

S Sharon Vlahovich 23:25

He has no lips but -

D David Koukal 23:27

He's a lipless actor (The professors laugh)

B Beth Oljar 23:30

It doesn't matter.

E Edwin DeWindt 23:32

Well, this guy has a last name that is similar to an item of postage.

B Beth Oljar 23:37

Oh, Kenneth Stamp

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:38

Terence Stamp.

E Edwin DeWindt 23:39

Terence Stamp. That's it.

D Dan Maggio 23:41

I thought he was Australian.

E Edwin DeWindt 23:42

No he's - He may be, but I associate him with London.

D Dan Maggio 23:45



**D** Dan Maggio 23:45

No, I believe -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:46

He was General Zod in Superman.

**B** Beth Oljar 23:48

He's great in Valkyrie.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 23:49

Oh, he's good in everything he does

**D** Dan Maggio 23:51

He's great in PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT

**B** Beth Oljar 23:51

So is Brynner,

**E** Edwin DeWindt 23:54

Yes he is. He's fantastic.

**S** Sharon Vlahovich 23:56

What were we talking about - famous movie scenes. One of my favorite scenes is Kenneth Brosnan, Henry The Fifth. And he stands up and says "My brothers. I'm a pacifist, but I was ready to go kill the French".

**B** Beth Oljar 24:13

Oh, yeah.

**D** Dan Maggio 24:14

I'm ready to kill the French anyway. That's not true. We've just offended all of our French listeners.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:24  
They have a problem with us, uh -

E Edwin DeWindt 24:27  
There's a gentleman in Paris who sent us questions a while back.

D David Koukal 24:29  
Yeah. That we mispronounced.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:33  
They had a problem with a sending the troops down to help the Haitians, you know. That was this morning. France, They said the US is just trying to occupy another parcel of land.

D David Koukal 24:44  
I heard that last - yeah

E Edwin DeWindt 24:46  
Oh, Sarkozy. Shut up. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:48  
They were looking at the hard numbers though, and apparently it's true. We actually have more troops now in Haiti as of today than we do in Afghanistan. So it shows you how -

B Beth Oljar 24:56  
I was actually surprised at the number we were able to send.

S Sharon Vlahovich 24:56  
Really?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:56  
Yes, it was cheaper to move them to Hispaniola than it was to, you know, send them halfway across the world actually,

**E** Edwin DeWindt 25:09  
Why do you get the feeling this is never going to end?

**B** Beth Oljar 25:14  
Of course, the French have to - you know.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 25:21  
Well, you've got to realize though the French have a real handicap right now. They can't smoke anywhere anymore. For the French that that's - that is serious torture.

**D** David Koukal 25:35  
That's why they're cranky.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 25:36  
Yeah, you can't smoke in restaurants. You can't smoke in public buildings. You can't smoke on the street.

**D** Dan Maggio 25:42  
Not even on the street?

**E** Edwin DeWindt 25:43  
No, I mean, they'll come and stop you.

**D** Dan Maggio 25:45  
That's insane. You should be allowed to do that.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:50

— Dan, don't ever go to California.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 25:52

No, it's like a friend of mine -

**B** Beth Oljar 25:55

It's still stupid

**D** Dan Maggio 25:56

It is. It gets a little out of control.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 25:58

A friend of mine many years ago was standing on one of the platforms for the Peoplemover here in Detroit, which if people don't know what it is, it's a tiny monorail that goes around a whole series of abandoned buildings. (The professors laugh) And he lit up a cigarette and one of the guards came out and said, "You got to put that cigarette away!" He was standing in the open air and he said, "Well, you've got a ventilation problem here?" Oh, yes.

**D** Dan Maggio 26:26

That's crazy.

**B** Beth Oljar 26:28

Yeah. Oregon considered a law quite a few years ago actually about banning it even in your own home.

**E** Edwin DeWindt 26:35

Oh, yeah.

**B** Beth Oljar 26:35

How they were going to enforce it though -

**E** Edwin DeWindt 26:38

It's funny because the Brits were toying with that last year. They were trying to put something like that in -

D Dan Maggio 26:43

Where were people supposed to smoke?

E Edwin DeWindt 26:45

Nowhere. That was the whole idea.

D Dan Maggio 26:47

I mean, at some point you just abandoned the laws, if they just outlaw cigarettes.

S Sharon Vlahovich 26:49

Yeah, but they can't do that because we depend too much on the taxes.

B Beth Oljar 26:49

Yeah

E Edwin DeWindt 26:54

That's right. (The end-of-show bell rings) So as we ponder the fate of nations that have cigarettes with lots of high taxes on them -

B Beth Oljar 27:04

Obese people are the new smokers now.

E Edwin DeWindt 27:06

and Mr. Harry Lime, will just have to wait till next week. So - do something with a with a Ferris wheel Mr. Lime. I'd like to thank the panel, Professor Oljar, Professor Mio, Professor Maggio, Ms. Vlahovich and Professor Koukal and now this word from the University of Detroit Mercy.

M Michael Jayson 27:28

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 Edwin DeWindt 27:36

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